

# Nineteen members of AMA Sports Hall of Fame are inducted while new AMA video premieres to rave reviews



The reunion of 2008 had it all: Nineteen of Augusta's best inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. A new AMA DVD which brought tears and cheers. The women of AMA honored at Founder's Day. AMA friends who continued to give after their lifetimes honored. A visit to the Bunker at the Greenbrier Hotel. Fun on the golf course. The Roller Rifles making us all so very proud and the "knock out" drill won by an Augusta man.



This issue of *The Bayonet* is the biggest yet. Almost a hundred pages to describe all that went on in Staunton, Fort Defiance and Lewisburg, West Virginia on the last weekend in April.

To call the Sports Hall of Fame successful would be formidable understatement. Those selected this first year and their families were so very proud and some who had not been in touch with AMA for a long time came back to Fort Defiance to feel the warmth from their fellow cadets and their families.

The video has to be seen to be appreciated. Suffice it to say that not a few alumni have purchased multiple copies to share with classmates and friends who were not at the premier. If you have seen *The AMA Way*, you know its power and effect. If you have not yet seen it, you will thereafter agree that it is the most moving 26 minutes in your recent experience.

We use the picture of Big Barracks for the front page because the place seemed to be so alive at reunion time. Look closely: those are Harleys (and a few hybrids) there on the Black Top waiting for the Roller Riders to embark to their post reunion trek. From Thursday's reception to the sound of a dozen bikes thundering up Route 11, it had to be experienced to be appreciated. See you next year?

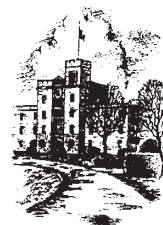
**AMA women honored  
at Founder's Day**

**Coach Ralph, MMA's Foley,  
Gomez, Pearce and McInnis  
earn AMA Alumni Medals**

**Casino Night another  
hit with reunion goers**

## Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

June 2008



Reunion 2008 was spectacular. Hearty congratulations to **Luke Snyder**, the Reunion Committee and the long list of volunteers and those who helped make the Reunion very special for so many people....Look for the "Thank You's" listed inside this *Bayonet*....and if we omitted your name, please accept our apologies, then tell us so we can make a correction. The Thursday night banquet was very special....The Friday Golf outing yielded another nice donation to the Foundation. Thanks to **Mickey Toms** and those who donated "give-a-way's." The Motor Coach tour to the Bunker at the Greenbrier Resort was dynamic and historical. **Frank Williamson** and **Bob Hume** work in tandem to make that happen. Friday night's banquet was filled with deserving folks receiving awards as well as dynamic young men and women receiving Scholarships (the major purpose of our Foundation).

The AMA Way video is getting so much deserved attention. It started out as an AMA War Video...and finished as "what life was like at Augusta Military Academy." There wasn't a dry eye in the Banquet Hall after it played for the first time at the Friday night Awards Dinner...I don't know how the editor and film crew captured what we've tried to put into words for years...but they did. I heard that the wife of an alumnus looked at her husband after seeing the 27 minute DVD and said "Now, I get it!" Thanks **Mac McInnis**, well done!! We've raised most of the \$50,000 to cover the cost of production but still need about \$17,000. Copies of the DVD are available from the PX for \$25, postpaid, or \$20 if bought on site. Contributions to help pay for the DVD can be sent to the AMA Alumni Foundation and they are **tax deductible**.

Saturday's Founder's Day ceremony...honoring the "Women" of AMA was well done and included the firing of a Civil War Cannon which startled a few attendees. The heartfelt ceremony at the Museum, just before Lunch, was very touching. Family members of lost loved ones who were Roller Society members, placed roses on pavers in the Roller Society Paver Garden as their loved one's name was read aloud and a bell tolled in the background. **Phil Myers** inspired us all with a sweet version of Taps.

Following lunch in the Memorial Gymnasium, we inducted (for the first time) members of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. Although the ceremony was lengthy, it was exceptional...19 were inducted this year...and we'll induct an average of four to six annually in future years. **Jerry Izenburg** and **Jim Stillwagon** added to the luncheon's success. We honored our fallen brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice in Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm....Near the end of the program in the gym, a brief ceremony called "Olde Glory" was conducted before awe struck onlookers... honorable, respectfully presented....just well done, thanks **Don Studer** and **Blaine Clarke**. We had eight to ten first time attendees at the April reunion...one who hadn't been back in 60 years. The best part was his comment about how he'd held some "poor memories" of his first year at AMA all this time...and after walking around the campus and feeling like a 15 year old kid again...he let it all go, enjoyed the weekend and vowed to return in 2009.

We're a special group of individuals who experienced this wonderful Academy. Our youngest alumnus is 40 plus years old. Our oldest is pushing 100. One day, the last two alumni will pull out that bottle of Virginia Gentlemen from the Tower of Power...and toast the passing of an era... But now, another lost alumnus has found us on line...so who knows what tomorrow will hold or who else will surface. I ask that you extend your hand to these lost alumni and faculty and help bring them back to the AMA family. We are in awe of the support we get each year from our volunteers. Thank you for your contribution of time, energy and money. We can't survive without your support. Time goes by quickly and before you know it we'll be meeting again at Reunion 2009 April 23-26, 2009. Have a safe and joyous summer.

*Garry Granger*

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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1938

(LARRY KURTZ)

**Captain Larry Kurtz**, USN Retired, and Jill have settled into their new home in Southport (Port Charlotte, FL). We have been missing them at AMA reunions and hope that all is well at the Kurtz house.

1946

(NONE)

**Dr. Bob Lappin** writes: *"It's that time of year again when the heat/humidity index pushes us despicable Yankees (Red Sox fans too) to head northward toward Cape Cod."* In the summer, Bob lives in Mashpee, MA.

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1947

(MIKE WELCH)

**Jim Slaughter**, who starred on the AMA and South Carolina basketball teams, has been inducted into the South Carolina Sports Hall of Fame posthumously. He likely will be nominated for the 2009 AMA Sports Hall of Fame. Many thanks to **Jerry Izenberg**, '48, for this news.

1948

(ERNEST CLICK)

**Ernest Click** and Marge are traveling from Florida to a family reunion in the Valley in their new RV. Ern's brother, Ed, says it takes three gallons of gas to get the thing through an intersection! Ernie, Marge, Ed and Sue took a two week trip to Alaska in late May and spent a couple of nights at the Agate Inn in Wasilla, owned by **Harvey Bowers**, '69, and Sandy.

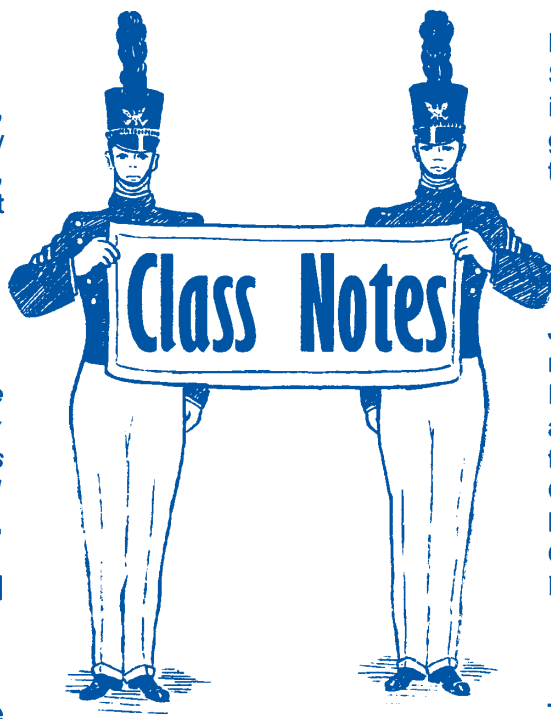
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1949

(FRANK SPENCER AND  
CLYDE RAMSEY)

**Mario Garcia** has been on a cruise in the Caribbean. He is organizing a luncheon in South Florida for **Gus Villoldo**, '49, who was instrumental in the capture of Fidel Castro henchman "Che" Guevara.

**Ambassador John Shirley**



**Bill Rubush** and Charlene live in South Georgia where they are enjoying life in the lake side country. High gasoline prices kept them away from the 2008 reunion, *"But we'll be there next year come hell or high water to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary."*

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**Jim Welch** lives in Selbyville, DE. He retired as an attorney in Washington, DC. Jim is married with three children and three step children. His wife and two sons run the Seaside Deli in Ocean City, MD. Jim was President of both the Student Body and the Honor Committee and Captain of the Roller Rifles his senior year.

1950

(JIM LUPTON)

**Tommy Clements** had damage to his

hosted his children on an April visit to Hungary where Jock and his Dad spent most of World War II interned by the Nazis. Jock's new e-mail:

[jockshirley@aol.com]

**Robert Trivits** was found living in Delaware by **Don Carmichael**, '48. Bob lives in Hockessin while Don resides in Bethany Beach, not many miles apart.



**Ed Chauncey**, '49, has had some more bad orthopaedic news. Walking up the steps for a dentist appointment, his previously injured leg snapped. After surgery, he has been in a wheelchair. In spite of his injury, Ed managed to send some beautifully framed pictures for the Silent Auction. Thank, Ed, and thanks to you too, Bobbie. [sumhill@starpower.net]

This is the very first place AMA Alumni look when *The Bayonet* arrives

Your fellow alumni want to hear about YOU, so Class Notes is the first place they look. Here are a few suggestions which we hope you will act on.

SEND us material about yourself – marriages, jobs, travel, births, deaths, retirement and so forth. Don't be concerned if you don't see your news published right away. *The Bayonet* comes out three times a year and if your story misses one issue, it likely will be in the next one. Be sure to send us news about your classmates and AMA friends.

PHOTOS are always welcome but please understand that just because a digital picture looks good on a computer screen, it will not necessarily look good in print. If you send an actual photograph, it should be printed on GLOSSY paper. If you want the picture returned to you, please put your name and address on the back. DIGITAL PHOTOS in jpeg should be AT LEAST 300 dpi. If you can send a photo in tiff format, that will be even better!

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FAX a story to 925/736-8657



Jackson, Mississippi home from an April tornado that cut a two mile wide swath across the city. "A pole came down through my roof," he reports. The Clements were without power for two weeks but fortunately had a diesel powered generator that kept them going. Tommy had registered for the reunion but couldn't come while his house was being repaired. But, great guy that he is, he sent \$1,000 to support Casino Night. Thanks so much, Tommy! [tclements7@comcast.net]

**1953  
(LEW MUNDIN)**

**Manuel Balbis** has been traveling often to Brazil on business. He and Lucretia live in Miami where they are eagerly anticipating a month long visit from their "Italian grandson" and his parents.

[Maweet@aol.com]

**Ozzie "Coyote" Ferro** and Grecia have been doing some heavy duty cruising since January. Ozzie, our AMA cruise director, is checking out options for future cruises.

[ferroozzie@bellsouth.net]

**Al Wattay** and Diane missed the reunion because they were in San Francisco for a reunion of military pilots. Then, they spent the following week in Napa sampling grape by-products.

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**1958  
(DUKE FANCHER)**

**Don Radford** lives in Geneva, NY and checks in with a new -mail address:

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**1959  
(DAVE CONRAD AND  
LLOYD EASTLACK)**

**Walter Anderson** of Richmond has retired as the Managing Director of Wachovia Securities.

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**Charles Graff** has a new address: 120 Morelos Avenue, Rancho Viejo, TX 78575. [charlesg@rgv.rr.com]



**Joe Neff, '53,** sent this photo of himself taken 20 years ago. "I was in a 1928 Fleet which had been built in Buffalo, New York," he said. Joe was in the military stationed at Roosevelt Field, New York as a primary trainer.

[jd\_neff@earthlink.net]

**1960  
(LUKE SNYDER AND  
FRANK WILLIAMSON)**

**George Holt** now has eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is the retired President of Holt Sublimation Printing Company of Burlington, NC where he and his wife, Cheryl, reside.

[gholt3@triad.rr.com]

**Tomas Yrastorza** found AMA's web page and has gotten himself back on the mailing list to receive this and all future issues of *The Bayonet*. He

ordered an AMA sweatshirt and a 1960 yearbook and asked that we let him hear from his classmates. [yrasto@optonline.net]

**1962  
(BOB GEBEAUX AND  
ROB RIDGEWAY)**

**Bruce Nicholson** had prostate cancer surgery on 19 March and recovered at his daughter's home in Santa Fe, NM. All who saw him at the reunion were delighted at how well he looked!

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**1963  
(MIKE BASTO)**

**Wayne Sawyer** reports a new Virginia Beach address: 1045 Bobolink Drive, 23451,

**1966  
(NONE)**

**Ihor Markowycz** lives in Dearborn, MI with his wife and their two children. He has been the President of European Home Style Sausage in Detroit since 1970.

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**1967  
(MAC McINNIS)**

**Dr. Octavio "Tony" Prieto** is President of the Broward County Medical Association in Fort Lauderdale.



**CLASS ACT** - From the Class of 1968, l. to r., John McCutchan, Jack May, Jackson Prentice, Jim Rochelle and Lynwood Pannell at the reunion.



**John Botcheller** is the Chief Financial Officer and Managing Director of Citibank Korea. We were very sorry to hear that his 90 year old father passed away in New York on 4 May. We are thinking about you and your family, Bob.

[Botcheller@aol.com]

**1969  
(NONE)**

**Rick Greeson** found AMA on line and is back in touch., He lives in Molino, FL and has been with Waffle House for 32 years.

[rickgreeson@frontier.net .net]

**1971  
(GARRY GRANGER)**

**Joe Berman** had some heart issues flare up the weekend before Reunion 2008. He ended up in the emergency room on Sunday 20 April and had a stent inserted. Thankfully, he reports that all is well now.

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**1972  
(LEWIE KENNETT)**

**Bruce Strange** is the official photographer for DeWalt Tools and for the Roller Rifles! A dedicated professional, he has made many of his reunion shots available for use in *The Bayonet* for which we are immensely grateful.

**Reed Nettles** and his family have returned from a three week trip to the Pacific Rim which ended in near tragedy. On next to their last day, Reed was out for one more scooter ride when a car ran him off the road, breaking three of his ribs. *"It was the most painful thing I have ever experienced,"* says Reed. *"The trip back to the States was brutal but I'll soon be back in shape."*

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**Blaine Clarke** hosted the Winter meeting of the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors at the Congressional



**ANOTHER CLASS ACT - The Class of 1967 had quite a few of its members back to greet their classmate All American Jim Stillwagon. Some of them are pictured above: Rick Smail, Stillwagon, Mac McInnis, Jerry Peirano, Gordon Metz and Mickey Toms.**

Country Club in suburban Washington.

**Tom Barnes**, who lives in Las Vegas, lost his Dad in April. We are thinking about you, Tom.

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**1973  
(JOE GARRY AND  
JIM ATCHISON)**

**Dr. Eduardo Prado** has a new web page ([www.dentista.gom.gt](http://www.dentista.gom.gt))

[eduardo@dentalprads.com]

**Bruce Crum** is employed by the telephone company in the Washington/ Baltimore area.

**1975  
(BRETT THOMPSON)**

**Luis Iglesias** is a champion Xbox 360 car racer (U type cars) racing against others on the internet. Luis is ranked 100<sup>th</sup> in a worldwide field of more than half a million players. Luis and Tracy live in Pembroke Pines, FL.

**Pete Schissel** is back on active duty, stationed at Fort Hunter-Liggett, CA, 100 miles south of San Francisco. *"The Army Medical Corps asked for volunteers and here I am in a nice, quiet duty station. It is a privilege to be back on active duty and to be serving our country."*

[peter.schissel@us.army.mil]

**Brett Thompson** brought some of his wonderful barbecue sauce to the reunion and the verdict was unanimous: Terrific!

[classicroider@gmail.com]

**1976  
(JIM MITCHELL)**

**Jim Mitchell** has good reason to be very proud of his children. Matt is a sophomore at Missouri Military Academy where he is on an AMA Scholarship. He just made sergeant, the highest rank a second year cadet can have. Says Jim, *"I don't know what they put in his food at MMA because Matt is now six feet two inches tall."* Jim's daughter, Mal, earned a \$3,000 2008 AMA Legacy

Scholarship. Jim accepted for her at the Awards Banquet. [jim@mitchells.tv]

**1977  
(SHAWN OGIMACHI)**

**Bill Downey** was able to attend AMA for only one year because of family financial problems. Today, he is the Managing Principal of Downey and Scott, LLC. in Warrenton, VA. Bill's father, Colonel William Downey, was married in 1942 and his wife and infant son were killed in a German U-boat attack off the coast of Iceland while Colonel Downey was serving in General Patton's Third Army. His Dad later remarried and Bill is from that union.

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**1980  
(KEITH TRAYLOR)**

**Mark Eubank** has been among the missing until he turned up in the AMA Museum one day. Glad you are back in touch, Mark.

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**1984  
(CHRIS MEEK)**

**Robin Nin** is in the restaurant and hotel supply business in Florida. He also is part of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (FSO-PF Flotilla 6-11) in Miami, one of the busiest ports in the world.

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## THE ROLLER RIFLES ROCK ONE MORE TIME!

Not bad when some guys hadn't shouldered a weapon for three decades! The Roller Rifles – marching again on our drill field and earning the same accolades they were used to getting when they strutted at the Apple Blossom Festival or at a big college game in Richmond. The drummers kept the tempo and the rifles were pretty much aligned correctly. Even in flanking movements the lines stayed straight. When dissolving into a circle, every marcher knew his place. All this with practically no rehearsal at all. The Roller Rifles have rekindled the AMA spirit. They buy their own uniforms. They come back year after year. And they never fail to dazzle us particularly when they compete against an active military prep school drill team whose members march and train every day. It's an AMA miracle – truly!

**See a special pictorial tribute done by Bruce Strange, '72, in the center section.**



If you drove onto campus on the Saturday of the reunion, you were met just inside the Main Gate by a very sharply dressed trooper who accorded you a snappy hand salute and then directed you to a parking place.

When we first heard about this, we said it had to be one of the Traylor brothers – and it was.

Keith Traylor from the Class of 1980 brought forward the pride we all have in AMA. Thanks, Keith for the warm greeting!



# "The women of AMA" honored on Founder's Day

The AMA Alumni Association lauded the "Women of AMA" at the annual Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery. Supported by a Color Guard from Mary Baldwin, the Brass Section of the Stonewall Brigade Band and a Confederate artillery battery, Alumni Association Vice President **Luke Snyder, '60**, enumerated the teachers, nurses, housemothers, librarians, dieticians and the wives of Augusta's leaders who gave our school *"its power and grace."*

From **Rosabelle Moorman Roller**, the wife of AMA's founder, to the wives of present day volunteers, Snyder said that while the Cadet Corps was all male, *"AMA certainly was not an all male institution."*

Chaplain **Frank Spencer, '49**, read the names of those who passed away since the last reunion followed by Taps and a single cannon salute which rocked the cemetery. AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, and AMA Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson, '60**, laid a wreath in front of the Roller monument to honor all of the women who served at Augusta, many of whom are interred in the Stone Church Cemetery.



**Speaking by the obelisk which marks the Roller Family plot in the Stone Church Cemetery, Luke Snyder, '60, paid tribute to the women of AMA who gave our school "its power and grace."**



**Above, Granger and Williamson place a wreath to honor the women of AMA. Below, the Stonewall Brigade Brass Ensemble under the direction of Margaret Helms.**



Here follow the remarks delivered by Luke Snyder:

"On this special day when we are honoring the women of AMA... we are particularly fortunate to have a very sharp looking Color Guard from the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College. (applause)

We also thank the Stonewall Brigade Band Brass Ensemble for their participation today. The group is under the direction of Margaret Helms. (applause)

At this point... I want to express our appreciation to Captain John Butler of Cumming's Battery Cape Fear Artillery for providing the Salute Cannon which will be fired later in the program. (applause)

The great Greek playwright... Euripides... lived 500 years before Christ was born. Euripides is remembered today for having reshaped the stories of that ancient day by showing... for the first time... women as strong characters in his plays.

And among his writings... Euripides said: *"Nothing has ever been produced better than a good woman."*

While we all recognize that AMA had an all male student body... it certainly was not an all male institution. And today... we want to remember some of the "good women" who gave AMA its power and its grace.

There were the nurses and the housemothers... the dieticians and the librarians... the teachers and secretaries... and the wives of AMA's leaders.

From the very beginning... **Professor Roller's** wife... **Rosabelle Moorman Roller**... was not only his helpmate and good wife... but one who must have had a big say in how his school was going to be run. It was she who interrupted the Professor's class one day to announce that it was his birthday... and still today we commemorate that May 8<sup>th</sup> Founder's birthday by having our annual reunion close to that date.



**Luke Snyder chats with Linda Roller Livick before the Founder's Day ceremonies began.**

These great ladies were lauded mainly for having been supportive spouses. On the other hand... **Maggie Belle Roller Robinson...** Colonel Warren Robinson's wife and General Roller's sister who lived in the house which is now the AMA Museum... was a character in her own right. Living there in the house where she was born... and where AMA's founder lived and died... she carved her own special memories.

As the adult advisor to the YMCA... she performed at the piano at every Sunday evening YMCA meeting with her bejangled hands dashing across the keyboard while – one more time – the cadets sang, *Now the Day is Over*.

**Florence McCormick** – Mother Mac – was the school nurse from the first year of World War One – 1916 – through the last year of World War Two - 1945. The depth of the love and respect for her is revealed by the fact that several *Recalls* were dedicated to Mother Mac. The 1918 *Recall* said that Mother Mac had the "patience of Job" adding that "her little acts of kindness won a warm spot in the hearts of all."

Twenty seven years later... the 1945 *Recall* said of Florence McCormick... "She has been our invisible guardian during all of her many years at AMA."

Other AMA nurses who earned special places in the hearts of AMA cadets included **Aurelia Miller** who was an assistant nurse for the ten years following World War Two... **Ruth Breneman** in 1947... and **Sally Click** – Ed and Ernest Click's mother – who was the school nurse from 1948 to 1951. Sally may be remembered as Sally Simmons by later cadets who knew her as Housemother from 1965 to 1969.



**Cumming's Battery Cape Fear Artillery fires salute.**

There is also reason to believe that when Augusta began to grow... Mrs. Roller did some of the cooking for the students. Even young boys were admitted to Professor Roller's School in the early days... and they were entrusted by their mothers to Mrs. Roller's Christian care and supervision. The 1905 catalog said boys as young as eleven were going to school at AMA.

The wives of **Colonel Tom Roller...** and **General Charles S. Roller, Junior...** were strong and influential women. **Virginia Hilton Roller...** Colonel Tom's wife... had the 1923 *Recall* dedicated to her... citing her "dignity... sincerity... and charming manner..." while General Roller's wife... Janet Stephenson Roller... was so honored in another year... with the yearbook saying that she was "enthusiastic in our pleasures and her generosity knows no bounds."



**A Color Guard from the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin took part in the salute to "The Women of AMA."**

**Molly Canevet** was the head nurse from 1958 until the school closed and she is remembered warmly by all who knew her. Molly's two sons attended AMA... **John** from the Class of 1963 and **Roger** from the Class of 1964. Molly Canevet is one of only two women ever to be elected to the *Ad Astra* Society.

An AMA nurse was more than just an angel of mercy when a cadet was ill. More than one who solved problems with iodine and pills... they often were the mothers away from home... ladies in whom a homesick cadet might confess his unhappiness without reproach.

If you were at AMA just after World War Two... you will remember **Gladys Davis**. She and her husband... **Oscar...** were Houseparents in J Barracks until 1964. She taught fifth grade... and he taught history and English from 1945 until 1965. J Barracks was renamed Davis Hall in their honor.

Our school librarians were sometimes the wives of faculty  
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## Lauds Colonel Koogler

# After 60 years, Izenberg: "It's great to be home."

Back on campus for the first time since he graduated in 1948, Prize Winning Sports Columnist **Jerry Izenberg** said that AMA "left a lot of marks on me but it's great to be home." Acknowledging mixed feelings about his time at Augusta, he said that AMA had given him a determination just short of a Type A personality.

More than 350 attended the Saturday luncheon during Reunion 2008 which saw nineteen Augusta men inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame, including Izenberg. A four time nominee for a Pulitzer Prize, Jerry has received the Red Smith Award from the Associated Press for a lifetime of prize winning sports reporting. He has written a column for the Newark *Ledger-Star* for the past 55 years.

The full text of Izenberg's remarks follows:

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Sixty years! That's how long it has been since I've been here. As I walked around yesterday and today thinking things through and looking at what is still here and what isn't here any more, my memories were absolutely ferocious.

I was reminded of the penalty tours I was reminded of basketball. I was reminded of the penalty tours. I was reminded of **Glenn Koogler**, the greatest teacher I ever had in high school or college. I was reminded of penalty tours. You get the idea.

Looking back, I realize that I was probably a snotty kid but I was kindly told by someone today that, no, I was not a snotty kid. Instead say you were an independent kid. So I was independently snotty.

I don't know what kind of marks I left here but I know that as I looked around yesterday and walked along with my thoughts, then sat and discussed them with my wife, I have to say what I should have begun to say 60 years ago before I rudely interrupted myself. It's great to be home.

### **Major Hoover taught with a fencing foil**

This place left a lot of marks on me, some of them were left by then **Major Hoover** when he was teaching me Spanish at the end of an epee. Much later, I realized that I got a strange kind of determination that stopped just short of a Type A personality. I got a determination here in that if you didn't do it right you'd do it again and again and in the end you'll get it right. That was a very important lesson.

Then I met Glenn Koogler. Glenn was a magnificent teacher. He also was a great coach who knew when what was in front of him had no talent whatsoever. The first time he saw me swing a baseball bat, he said, "You know what – you're going to be our student manager."

As a teacher he was magnificent and I have to say on a very personal level he introduced me to a William Shakespeare who I never knew existed. Much against my free will, I fell in love with Shakespeare, that is, the one Koogler presented. He never taught from notes. He never opened the text book. He just taught.

I put a paver out there in front of the museum for Colonel Koogler. About six months before he died, I got his phone number from the museum and I called him. I am very grateful that I did that.



**Jerry Izenberg, '48, speaks to 350 people at the Sports Hall of Fame ceremony in the AMA Gymnasium.**

**Photo by Bruce Strange, '72**

All of us need to understand the meaning of time. When I decided to come back this year, there were two people who I really, really wanted to see. We had a dance band at AMA and much to my amazement then **Major Roller** would let us play gigs for money. It was a great band and I was determined to be a professional musician. I gave it a shot.

**Johnny Pappas** played the tenor sax and he was the greatest reed man I've ever heard in my life. I so much looked forward to seeing John but he passed away earlier

this year. And there was a fellow who lived across the hall from me in the tower named **Tommy Moon** who played football on our national championship team. And Tommy planned to come back to this reunion and I was delighted by that. Then I found out to my sorrow that he passed away just before we left home to come here. **T i m e i s a** funny thing. I understand Jim Croce's song about keeping time in a bottle.

What Koogler did without my knowing was to be a matchmaker for me and the English language. I will never forget him for that because he is the reason I got to do what

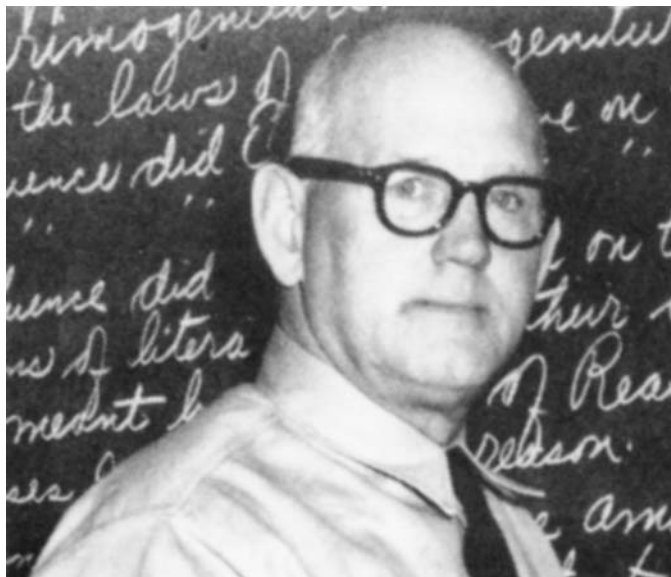
I do for a living. It's not a bad gig. The kid from Newark goes one on one with Nelson Mandela. Not bad company. He goes to 23 countries on his job, meets the people you think you will never meet and who really matter, and I learned a lot about courage.

There was an outfielder named Jim Eisenwright who had a fairly long major league baseball career. He suffered with Tourette's Syndrome – a jerky movement of the body and a constant flow of profanity. He took medicine and he fought to keep it under control. He played in two World Series and when I asked him about it he said there is nothing you can't do if you have the skills and you really want to do it.

#### Talk with Vince Lombardi

This brings me to **Jim Stillwagon**. Jim was a great, great, great college football player and I don't use great very often, much less three times. Jim won the Vince Lombardi award and Vince was a very close friend of mine. Vince had stopped coaching and he became GM of the Packers for one year. A horrible year, a bad team and the new head coach was not Vince. I was over at his home one day after they had lost a game by a lopsided 40-0 or something close to that, and we were sitting in his little den. He looked at me and asked, "Do you remember when I said winning isn't everything, it's the only thing?" And I said, yes, how can you forget it, it's on every commercial. Well, he said, "it's not what I meant. When I say winning is the only thing, I mean that if you go out there on Sunday and you summon up every ounce of energy, every scintilla of talent and whatever is left of determination – you use every bit of it and you leave it on the field – then you have won and that's what I consider winning."

Looking back, AMA had some great teams. Some were better than ordinary because the players and the men who coached them willed them to be better than ordinary. I will tell you that among this group here on



**Colonel Glenn Koogler**

the stage (to be inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame), there are no ordinary people.

Frank (Williamson) asked me to tell about the one Pulitzer I received. Mohammed Ali is one of my three best friends in the world. We have traveled the world together and I saw some incredible things that he would not permit me to write. We struck up a great friendship and I parked my kids at his training camp during the height of a custody suit. A fellow named Tom Houser wrote a biography of Ali which I recommend to everybody. Houser told Ali how much I wanted a Pulitzer

Prize which was silly. I was a lot younger then.

Well, one day this package comes in the mail and the contents of that package are on my wall as my wife can attest. From my chair you can read everything except for one line of very small type.

The top line says "Pulitzer Prize for sports commentary" with the year. Under that it says Jerry Izenberg. There is a gold seal in the lower left hand corner and in the lower right hand corner it is signed by Ali. And there is a teeny eye doctor size line right below Pulitzer Prize which says, "*I don't care what the committee said. I know more about writing than any committee that has ever been made.*"

I am totally honored to be a part of this great day at AMA. I thank you for your attention. Usually people throw things at me. To all of you, I salute you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you.

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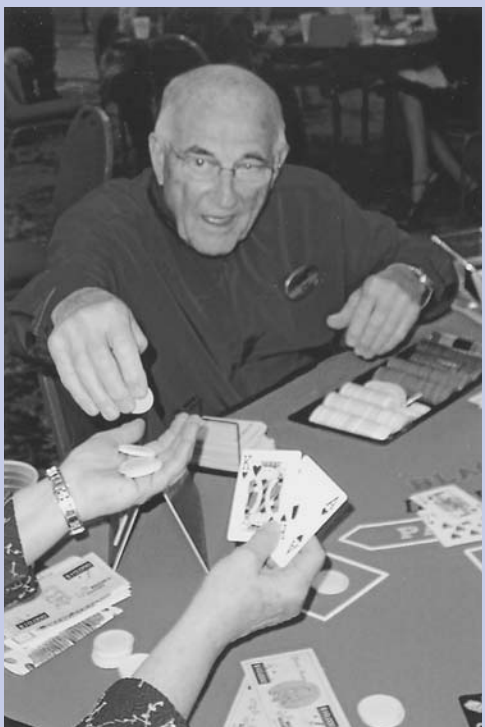




# CASINO NIGHT 2008

What a great night! That's what lots of reunion goers had to say about the second annual CASINO NIGHT at Reunion 2008. Poker! Craps! Texas Hold 'Em! Roulette! Gaming and collecting Funny Money over the course of the evening. As much fun as Vegas without the downside. And no one was playing against the house. If you were there, you know!

**HAPPY DAYS! - Brenda (Mrs. Gordon) Metz has just learned that she won a Christmas weekend at the Biltmore in Asheville, courtesy of Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, smiling in the rear.**



A 2008 AMA Alumni Medal goes to a man who taught at AMA, who coached at AMA, and who comes to almost every reunion to share with us his joy in doing the Lord's work.

**Coach Bill Ralph** was a great athlete at VMI and a special favorite of **General Roller's**. When Bill and Rosalie came to AMA, they both taught and he coached football, basketball and baseball.

They lived in the Roller-Robinson House which is now our AMA Museum.

Bill and Rosalie come back to each reunion to reunite with old friends and students.



**Coach Ralph,  
1964 Recall**

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**Speaking at the Fellowship Breakfast  
at Reunion 2006.**

The cadets who played on his teams will ever be grateful to the Ralphs for their friendship and example of Christian fortitude.

On the Sunday of each reunion weekend, Bill has led the Fellowship Breakfast where he helps us all to understand how competitiveness and Christianity intertwine – how Christian principles in daily life – in our business – with our friends and family – can lead us to sunlit uplands.

Coach Ralph's health is not good these days and he was unable to come to Fort Defiance to receive his medal. The medal has been sent to him with the love of all AMA alumni.

We ask that friends of the Ralphs get in touch with them.

You can send a card or letter to them at:  
1341 Tulls Creek Road, Moyock, NC 27958

God bless you, Coach Ralph. And God bless Mrs. Ralph too!



# Five tapped for AMA Alumni Medals

## MMA's Foley, Gomez, McInnis, Pearce and Coach Ralph

Three AMA alumni, an Augusta coach and teacher, and a friend from the Missouri Military Academy were presented with Augusta Military Academy Alumni Medals at the Awards Banquet at Reunion 2008.

**Chuck Foley** from the Missouri Military Academy Class of 1954 won a medal for helping create the MMA scholarships for the legacies of AMA cadets.

**Victor Gomez, '69**, was honored for his extraordinary volunteer work for the Association and the Foundation including his many photographic contributions.

**Mac McInnis, '67**, has led the three year campaign to produce *The AMA Way*, a stirring and touching salute to Augusta from its alumni who went off to war.

**Greg Pearce, '65**, was selected for having assumed personal and professional responsibility for many AMA programs and for his contributions to the PX. In Greg's absence, **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, read a letter from Greg to the audience.

**Coach Bill Ralph** received the medal to thank him for his annual Fellowship Breakfast on the last day of each reunion and for his Christian example as a coach and teacher. Unfortunately, Coach Ralph was hospitalized and unable to attend the banquet, so in his stead, **Frank Williamson, '60**, accepted the award and later hand delivered it to the Coach at his home in North Carolina.

Forty six alumni, teachers and friends of AMA have been honored with the AMA Alumni Medal. The 2008 selection committee was composed of **Garry Granger, '71**, **Frank Williamson, '60**, **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, **Rod Willey, '51**, **Ed Click, '50**, and **Sergeant Don Studer**. **Bob Bradford, '50**, was Chairman of the Committee.



**SURPRISE! - Medals Committee Chairman Bob Bradford, '50, congratulates Missouri Military Academy's Chuck Foley on Foley's having been awarded the 2008 AMA Alumni Medal.**

## *Past recipients of the AMA Alumni Medal, including 2008*

Joseph Salicrup, '31 \*  
Colonel Will Parkins, '35  
Julian Quarles, '35  
Bill Gray, '37 \*  
Mickey Gordon, '39 \*  
V. P. Leavel, '39 \*  
Bobby Rhea, '47  
Paul Bratton, '48 \*  
Ed Chauncey, '49  
Jim Councill, '49  
Clyde Ramsey, '49  
Frank Spencer, '49  
Bob Bradford, '50  
Ed Click, '50  
Jim Starnes, '50  
Hap Starr, '51  
Tommy Simmons, '52  
Ronnie Mahanes, '53 \*  
Bob Harris, '54

Parker Ward, '54 \*  
Goodloe Saunders, '57  
Jerry Wildman, '57  
Duke Fancher, '58  
Terry Snow, '58 \*  
Dave Conrad, '59  
George Holt, '60  
Frank Williamson, '60  
Ben Zinkhan, '60  
Bruce Nicholson, '62  
Bob Hume, '63  
Greg Pearce, '65 \*\*  
Mac McInnis, '67 \*\*  
Gordon Metz, '68  
Victor Gomez, '69 \*\*  
B. J. d'Orsay, '70  
Gary Nicholson, '70 \*  
Steve Trent, '70  
Steve Pearson, '72

Norvell West, '83  
Chief Chester Cole  
Reverend Greg Douglas  
Chuck Foley \*\* ^  
Hilton Roller Grasty \*  
Sergeant Joe Josephson  
Coach Bill Ralph \*\*  
Sergeant Don Studer

\* Deceased

\*\* 2008 winner

^ Missouri Military Academy

Be thinking now about who you might nominate for an AMA Alumni Medal next year. Someone who has done something BIG for AMA or has done a hundred little things which add up to BIG. Watch *The Bayonet* for details.

**Greg Pearce, '65**, makes a monthly trip from Clarksville, Maryland to Fort Defiance to volunteer at the AMA Museum.

Greg became a volunteer in 2005 and has met many of the AMA family when they have visited the museum.

When there have been special projects at the museum or for the Foundation or Alumni Association, Greg has either volunteered to do the work himself or he has provided the necessary funding.

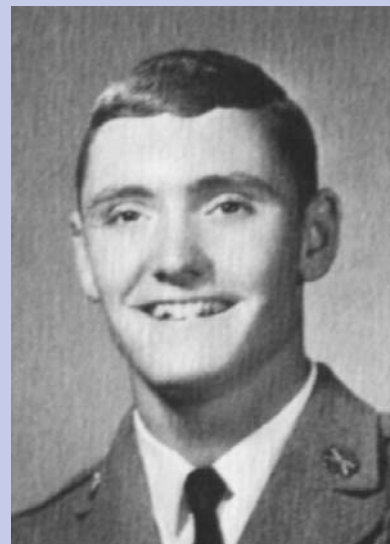
He is on the constant lookout for new items for the AMA PX which he furnishes at no cost to us. The coffee mugs... the coasters... and the AMA mouse pads are but a few of the items he has given to our PX for resale with the PX having incurred no cost to secure the items.

In late 2007, Greg volunteered to help place Christmas wreaths on graves in the Arlington National Cemetery.

On a bitter cold day just ten days before Christmas of 2007, Greg helped to lay 10,000 wreaths

– all the time showing his pride in our school by wearing his AMA sweat-shirt.

Greg Pearce is there when we need him and his active mind never quits thinking of things he can do for AMA.



**Greg Pearce, '65 Recall**

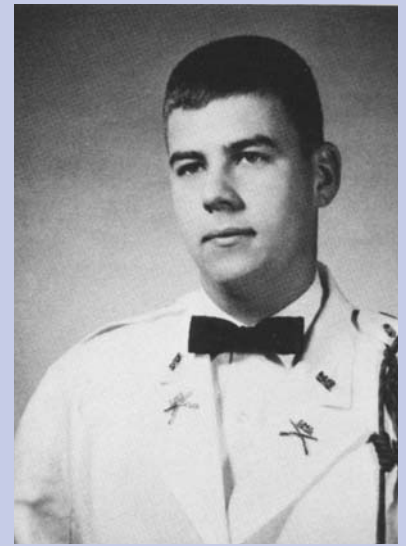


**Pearce in his AMA sweatshirt and 10,000 Christmas wreaths at Arlington**



Three years ago... **Mac McInnis, '67**, took on the responsibility of Chairing the Virginia War Memorial Video Committee. Neither the AMA Alumni Association nor the AMA Alumni Foundation could afford the 50 thousand dollar price tag to produce the video, but Mac believed that it needed to be done.

He spent countless hours arranging for and participating in the interviews which made up the content of **THE AMA WAY**. He made trips back and forth from Richmond to Staunton for the interviews, all the time looking for funding. He also had to oversee a complete reworking of the story line.



**Mac McInnis, '67 Recall**

While using interviews with war veterans, the program changed from a tribute to the vets to a tribute to AMA. The end result is an emotional and gripping program that every AMA man should see.

Mac personally has contributed several thousand of his own dollars to get **THE AMA WAY** completed.

At the September 2007 meeting of the Alumni Foundation Trustees, 23 thousand dollars was advanced to complete our 50 thousand dollar commitment to the producers. And now Mac is working just as hard as he did before to raise 23 thousand dollars to repay the Foundation.

Thanks to Mac McInnis, **THE AMA WAY** is now and hereafter a part of Augusta Military Academy's history and legacy.



**McInnis accepts his medal at Reunion 2008**

**Victor Gomez** from the Class of **1969** first volunteered to help out at the AMA Museum about three years ago.

Since then, Victor has driven down from Alexandria virtually every month to take his turn as docent at the museum.

He has become knowledgeable about the history and traditions of AMA and conveys his enthusiasm to all museum visitors. When reunions come, Victor throws himself into the work that needs to be done so that others can enjoy the reunion experience.



**Victor Gomez, '69 Recall**



**Gomez thanks his fellow alumni for his Medal**

He does whatever is needed, from the menial to the mental, and he does it cheerfully. No task is too large or too small for our Victor.

These past few reunions, Victor's trusty digital camera has been poking into every reunion activity. Many of his pictures have been reproduced in ***The Bayonet***.

He also has travelled elsewhere to document board meetings.

Victor has spent countless hours on the school records project where a painstaking review of those records is moving forward with all deliberate speed. It takes hours to sort through one huge box hoping that somewhere among the trivia there is a pearl, a task Victor accepts with a smile and a positive attitude.



A few years ago, **Bob Bradford, '50**, took a trip to Europe to visit the battlefields of the two World Wars. That time the trip was to Italy where **Julian Quarles** from the Class of **1935** fought and where he won a Silver Star and where **Charles Hanes** from the Class of **1932** fought and died while earning a Distinguished Service Cross.

On that trip, Bradford met a man who was traveling with his son to visit these Italian fields of strife.

As the two men talked together, they learned that both had attended military academies. Chuck Foley graduated from the Missouri Military Academy in 1954 and now he serves on the MMA Board.



**Chuck Foley**  
**Missouri Military**  
**Academy Class of 1954**

As Chuck learned more about the fantastic AMA alumni commitment, the wheels began to turn in his brain. So he paid our museum a visit and then and there made a contribution.

He came to the next reunion and presented to us the beautiful hand carved golf trophy which is awarded at each Reunion to the winning foursome in the AMA Open.

Chuck saw a way to strengthen the association of our two schools by offering scholarship help to the legacies of AMA alumni who would attend MMA.

That program was put into effect in 2007 and at this writing Matt Mitchell, son of **Jim Mitchell, '76**, is attending Missouri Military Academy on an AMA Scholarship which Chuck Foley engineered.



**Mickey Toms, '67, Chairman of the AMA Open, with Chuck Foley. Foley presented to AMA the handsome trophy awarded each year to the top foursome in the Open.**

And Chuck Foley – out of his own pocket – has purchased the full page ads in ***The Bayonet*** to promote this scholarship program.

**Chuck Foley – a proven friend of AMA!**

## Women of AMA *from page 8*

members... such as **Ruth Michael** whose husband... **Sergeant George Michael**... was in the military department... and **Mrs. McCrum** whose husband taught in the upper school. Other librarians over the years included **Mrs. George Ware** in 1944... **Mrs. Dorothy Hagemann** in 1963 and 1964... and **Mrs. Joyce McDonald** from 1968 until 1972.

And of course...there were the brilliant and patient teachers. In addition to Mrs. Davis... there was **Elsie McKinney** who taught fourth... fifth... and sixth grades... served as librarian... and coached dramatics from 1943 to 1952. **Mrs. E. E. Rhodes** taught fifth grade in 1948. **Mrs. William Pritchett** taught in the Junior School and led the choir and Glee Club in 1958... and **Ruth Griggs** taught journalism in 1969.

**Mary Nash Goodwin** was a Spanish and history teacher during World War Two... while **Mrs. John Dompe** was a history teacher in 1975. **Alice Zeliff** was a junior school teacher in 1961.

**Rosalie Ralph** – **Coach Bill Ralph's** wife – was a fifth grade teacher and directed the Drama Club and the Ciceronian Literary Society from 1957 until 1964.

Many will recall **Annie Rumbeau Thompson** who gave twenty years to AMA... serving as the dietician... assistant nurse... and housemother from 1937 until her death in 1956.

There were other women who did not work at AMA nor were they wed to someone who did. **Polly Webb Agnor**... **Colonel Webb's** daughter... danced the nights away with **Doc Savedge** and all of the cadets of Doc's time remember her. The daughter of the Stone Church Minister... **Miss Anna Van Devanter**... did art work for the very first *Recalls* in 1913 to 1917.

The school did not run itself... and a selfless group of women served the all important function of secretary to the principal and other school officials. The longest serving in this role was **Mary Belle Walker**... General Roller's secretary from 1924 until his death in 1963. The 1950 *Recall* saluted Mary Belle saying "her loyalty... interest and service to Augusta made her the ideal 'office force.'"

There were other secretaries... **Jo Ellen Thornton** who was at AMA from 1962 to 1966... and **Regina Simmons** who was there in 1975. **Captain John Bradford's** wife was a secretary from 1962 to 1969... while **Elaine Huffman** was there from 1973 until the school closed. **Lilian Hawpe** was an AMA secretary for four years in the late 1960's... and **Mrs. Herbert Reid** served in 1959 and 1960. **Emma Hunter** was **Colonel Parkins'** secretary and bookkeeper from 1952 until 1975.

Another AMA lady who was a daughter of AMA was **Hilton Roller Grasty**... Colonel and Mrs. Tom Roller's daughter. Though away from the school for many years... she never forgot how important this special place was... and is... remembering AMA in her life and after her lifetime.

And then there is a special category that is filled by one woman and only one.

**Linda Moorman Roller** was the daughter of **Captain Charles S. Roller, the Third**... the man for whom the Roller Rifles is named. When an auto accident in 1938 took his life...Linda and her mother went to live with General and



Each of "The Women of AMA" who is buried in the Stone Church Cemetery had a single rose placed on her grave on Founder's Day 2008.

Mrs. Roller. A granddaughter by birth... General and Mrs. Roller treated Linda like their own child. She was raised at White Hall and saw much of her young life revolve around AMA. Then... she married **Malcolm Livick** who would go on to become AMA's superintendent after the General had died.

Linda has a unique place in all our hearts. She wished only the best for AMA when it was in operation... and she has done so very much to help keep those happy memories alive and well.

Linda is a strong supporter of her husband... but she is far more than that. She is a dazzling star in our firmament. A reliable friend. A very special lady indeed.

And in case you wondered... Linda is the other woman elected to the ~~Ad Astra~~ Astra Society while the school was open.

When we talk about the Women of AMA... how can we not talk about the mothers who sent their dear sons off to an alien military life. Even as far back as the 1930's... some of the boys came from broken homes... and we can but imagine the added pain to a mother of sending her child away to school.

But the mothers also were the best cheerleaders... excited to be at every game and every parade... proud to pin the pips on their sons' jackets... and overcome with emotion when their boys stood that last formation on the Black Top just before the sun set on an empty barracks.

Each of us who volunteers our time for AMA has to thank our wife or "significant other" for supporting what we do and for understanding why we commit the hours we do. So... to all of you... we express our appreciation... to you... the present day "Women of AMA."

Augusta Military Academy had more than thirteen thousand cadets march through its gates. Thirteen thousand young men... each carrying with him a mother's love and hope... a teacher's commitment... a nurse's promise of care and attention.

It is with great pride today that we salute "The Women of AMA."



# Sayre-Poluito foursome wins AMA Open again

For the third time in as many years, **Bob Sayre, '51**, and Billy Sayre teamed with **Paul Poluito, '73**, and Matt Poluito to win the annual AMA Open at sixteen under par. Actually, Paul didn't play as he is recovering from a liver transplant but he rode around on the cart while his father in law **Mike Bare, '69**, played in his place.

Bare got the closest to the pin twice while **Don Radford, '58**, and Billy Sayre each had one. The longest drive was on number twelve by **Tom DelValle, '73**, an American Airlines Senior VP exec who was flying high.

**The golfers again raised \$1,000 for the Alumni Foundation, the twelfth straight year they have achieved this level of donation.**

The Golf Chairman **Mickey Toms, '67**, said the fellows had "a great time and found time to tell some AMA stories while they were making the round." He thanked DelValle and American Airlines for the AA bags presented to each golfer containing knit shirts, hats, flashlights, pens, cups, golf balls and tees. He also thanked **Chuck Foley**, Missouri Military Academy, **Al Zayas, '72**, **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, **Bob Bradford, '50**, and the AMA PX for gold balls, calculators, snacks and other items which made the day a success.



The AMA Duffers line up before the tee off. Among them, **Al Zayas, '72**, **Bobby Rhea, '47**, **Mike Bare, '69**, **Chuck Foley**, Missouri Military Academy, **Blaine Clarke, '72**, **Don Radford, '58**, and **Jim Rochelle, '71**, **Matt and Paul Poluito, '73**, **Tom DelValle, '73**, **Bill Sayre**, **Doug Pennock, '72**, **Jack Paulson, '71**, **Jack May, '68**, **Bob Sayre, '51**, **Jack Prentice, '68**, **Earl Cabaniss, '43**, **Mickey Toms, '67**, **Peter Baxter**, and **Colin Sutker**.



Golf Chairman **Mickey Toms, '67**, announces the winners of the 2008 AMA Open. **Chuck Foley** of Missouri Military Academy donated the handsome trophy to AMA several years ago. Our thanks again, **Chuck!**

## Duffers raise \$1,000 for AMA for the twelfth straight year! Thanks, guys!

**NOW IS THE TIME TO  
NOMINATE AMA SPORTS  
HEROES TO THE 2009  
AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

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BE SURE TO SEND ALL THE  
INFORMATION YOU CAN SO THE  
JUDGES CAN MAKE A FAIR DECISION**

# The Roller Society

The Roller Society honors those who have given to the AMA Alumni Foundation after their lifetimes. It is on the shoulders of these dedicated heroes that AMA's future will be built. Funding the AMA and VMI Scholarships, Maintaining and improving our AMA Museum and supporting the printing and mailing of The Bayonet.

The Roller Society logo, left, infers that your gift will keep on giving, echoing over the years, enabling us to repeatedly fund the programs that define who we are, assuring that your name will be remembered long after you are gone.

## Members of the Roller Society as of 21 May 2008

Hilton Roller Grasty \*

Colonel Mal Livick

Linda Roller Livick

Noelle Nicholson

Tina Shafer \*\*

Donald Studer

Joseph Salicrup, '31 \*

Tom Roller, '36

Dr. Mel Alper, '39 \*\*

Mickey Gordon, '39 \*

Frank Shultz, '41

Angus Hines, '42

Tex Mahone, '42

Herb McCawley, '43 \*

Robert Spilman, '45

Carroll Knicely, '46 \*

Dr. Edward Leventen, '46

Bobby Rhea, '47

Paul Bratton, '48 \*

Ernest Glick, '48

Dr. H. D. "Buddy" Deane, '48 \*

Bill Harris, '48

Hal Walters, '48

Ed Chauncey, '49

Jim Councill, '49

Dr. John Morris, '49 \*

Glyde Ramsey, '49

Jeanne M. Ramsey \*

Ambassador John Shirley, '49

Frank Spencer, '49

Ida Spencer

Bob Bradford, '50

Nancy Bradford

Tommy Clements, '50

Ed Glick, '50

Jim Starnes, '50

Richard Young, '50

Rod Willey, '51

Roger Messick, '52

Tommy Mitchell, '52 \*\*

Tommy Simmons, '53 \*\*

John Bell, '54 \*\*

Bob Harris, '54

Goodloe Saunders, '57

Duke Fancher, '58

Terry Snow, '58 \*

Dave Conrad, '59

Elliott Ridge, '59

George Holt, '60

Bill McVey, '60

Luke Snyder, '60

Frank Williamson, '60

Beverly Williamson

Ben Zinkhan, '60

Andrew Campbell, '61

Mac Coirer, '62

Rob Overly, '62

Ray Sanchez, '63

Greg Pearce, '65

John Botcheller, '67

Nancy Botcheller

Steve Matton, '67

Mac McInnis, '67

Jeff Schroeder, '67

Rick Smail, '67 \*\*

Gordon Metz, '68

Victor Gomez, '69 \*\*

John Henderson, '69

Charles Pascale, '69

Nick Syropoulos, '69

Gary Nicholson, '70 \*

Scott Travers, '70

Steve Trent, '70

Garry Granger, '71

Willis Walker, '71

Lewie Kennett, '72

P. J. Thomson, '72

Doug Pennock, '72 \*\*

Al Zayas, '72

Tom DelValle, '73 \*\*

Gary Gertz, '75

Chris Meek, '84

\* Deceased

\*\* New member



# Roller Society donors honored at reunion

The Roller Society Memorial Paver Garden was dedicated during Reunion 2008 in front of the original Roller house, now the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Family members and friends attended a brief ceremony to place single roses on the pavers of their loved ones while the AMA bell tolled once for each. **Phil Myers, '71**, then sounded Taps.



Friends and family members line up to receive commemorative gifts after the ceremony.

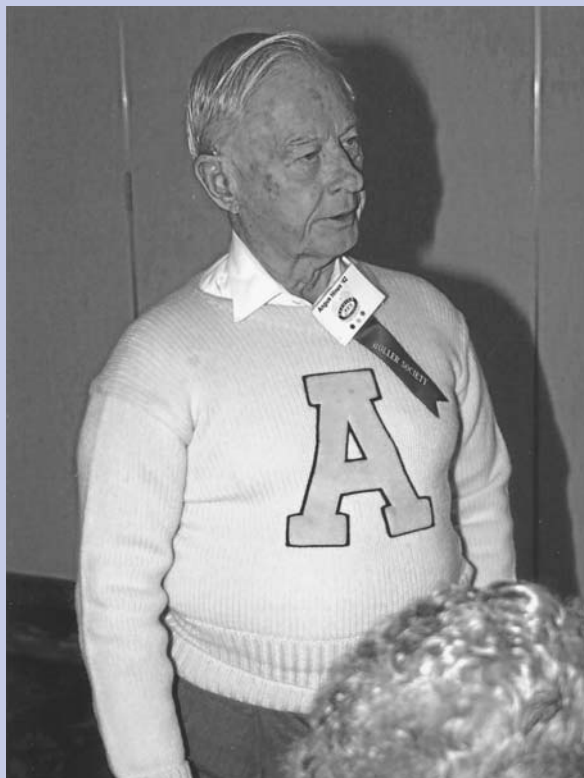


The family and friends of Roller Society members placed a single rose on their loved one's paver in tribute to their generous spirit. Above, Virginia Hallock and her granddaughter, Madeleine, place a rose in remembrance of Virginia's mother, Hilton Roller Grasty.

## The Roller Society



Above, AMA's premier volunteer Susan Nicholson waits to place a white rose – Gary's favorite – on his paver. Gary Nicholson, '70, was the long time President of the AMA Alumni Association. Left, Ben Zinkhan, '60, tolled the school bell once for every Roller Society member being honored.



How many of you can still fit into your AMA letter sweater? Angus Hines, '42, does!



Mary Kay and Mac McInnis, '67, all smiles at the reaction to the premier of THE AMA WAY.

Right, Bill Hummer, '71, talks with Don Studer and Classmate Garry Granger. Bill was elected to the AMA Sports Hall of Fame based on his marksmanship on the early '70's rifle team coached by Sergeant Studer. Hummer lives in New Mexico.



Over drinks at the Thursday Early Bird Reception, Phil Myers, '71, Earl Cabaniss, '43, and Dr. "Boots" Solan, '43, talk over old times.



Doug Pennock, '72, chats with Jerry Izenberg, '48. Doug's dad, Chuck Pennock, was Jerry's classmate at Augusta.





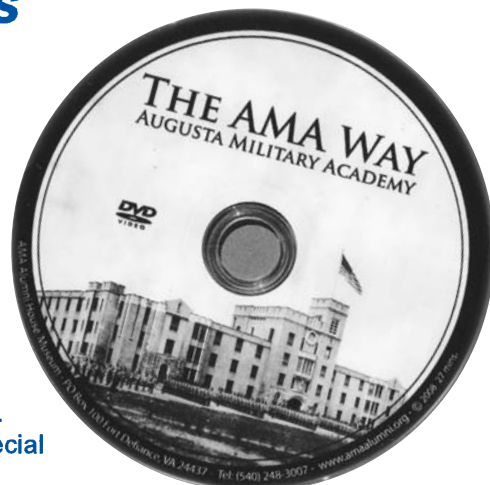
## Long awaited AMA video premiers at reunion to cheers and tears

The audience got to their seats on time and the lights in the ballroom dimmed. A huge screen came to life with a black and white image of AMA cadets marching and the music to the AMA School Song playing in the background. This dissolved to a nighttime scene of Big Barracks and the beginning of a new day at AMA as lights came on in response to Reveille. Thus began *The AMA WAY*, three years in production and as the audience reacted, well worth the wait.

The DVD features everything from old 8mm movies shot in the '40s to heartfelt comments from alumni who graduated from 1935 to the 1970s. It highlights cadet life and salutes those special faculty members we all revere. It depicts how boys were turned into men at Augusta and emphasizes the special bond AMA men feel for the school and for each other.

Says **Karl Haleamau, '71**, "We have a special bond that is not experienced by others. We all left something in Fort Defiance when we left school for good." **Julian Quarles, '35**, says that in the last formation his senior year, "18 year old men were crying because we had been so close and we didn't know if we would ever see each other again." **Roger Messick, '52**, said that by year's end "you knew 90 per cent of the first names of all of the cadets in the Corps."

In all, 18 alumni and faculty appear on the DVD: **Bob "Homer" Anderson, '38**, **Rutland Beard, '42**, **Ed Chauncey, '49**, **Ed Click, '50**, **Cecil DePriest, '43**, **Karl Haleamau, '71**, **Angus Hines, '42**, **Linda Roller Livick, Mal Livick, Richard McLaughlin, '49**, **Roger Messick, '52**, **Larry Nicholson, '75**, **Julian Quarles, '35**, **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, **Rick Smail, '67**, **Frank Spencer, '49**, **Luke Stephenson, '49**, and **Don Studer**.



Many who saw the DVD were grateful that the house lights didn't go up the moment the presentation ended. **Doug Pennock, '72**, said that, "As an ex-cadet, the film caused an explosion of emotions that awakened old memories of my six year stay at Fort Defiance. I dare say the film had a similar effect on all the former cadets who saw it. Their tears spoke for themselves... At the end of the film, my wife, Trudy, spoke a testament to how well it transmits the sense of belonging and brotherhood that we feel for each other and for this institution. Trudy simply said, 'Now, I understand.'"

## THE AMA WAY

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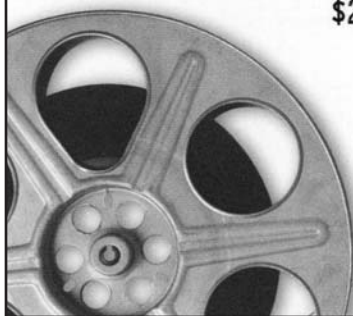
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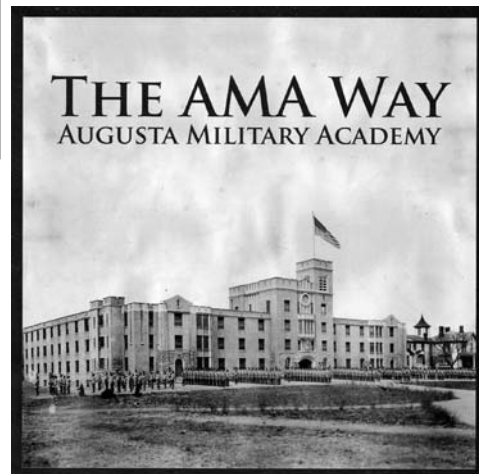
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quantity discounts



We are still need some \$19,000 to complete the \$50,000 price tag for all the production and editing work. Any help that you can give will be much appreciated. For a \$100 donation, you will receive *The AMA WAY* free as our way of saying thank you.

*You may be interested in knowing that the DVD has been prepared for showing on PBS stations. If you have contact with your local PBS station, ask them to screen the video, then show it on their channel.*



## SCHOOL DAY2

School children from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at Stewart S. Gordon Middle School visit the AMA Museum. The students from Betty Hawkins and Linda Petzke's classes have an annual visit to the museum with each student carrying a list of questions which can only be answered by touring the museum. It's a tradition which we all look forward to each year.

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## Thanks to Rich vanBreemen



Thanks to Rich vanBreemen and the Intermont Military Vehicle Club, there was another wonder-fuk display during Reunion 2008. Every year for the past half dozen years, there has been a group of military vehicles parked on the Black Top at reunion time. We sincerely thank Rich and all of his fellow club members for devoting their time to this year's display.

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Keep up with AMA!  
Log on to [AMAAlumni.org](http://AMAAlumni.org)  
See reunion pictures, PX items,  
AMA history and alumni bios.



**TOWER OF POWER - Frank Williamson, '60, beats the drums for the Tower of Power. This year, tickets were sold only on Friday night at the reunion, yet earned more than \$800 for the AMA Foundation. Several winners enjoyed that wonderful stuff called Virginia Gentleman.**



# KNOCK OUT DRILL



**WINNER BY A KNOCK OUT! - Brian Miller** realizes that he has just won the KO Drill. A Massanutten cadet captain walks by in the background.



**THE DRILL TEAM FROM MASSANUTTEN MILITARY ACADEMY** marched on our field during Reunion 2008, above, then they were joined by volunteers from the Roller Rifles. Sergeant Major Jim Helms from MMA barked out commands to the combined group and man by man the drillers were "knocked out" of the competition. The last man left standing – AMA's Brian Miller, '67. Way to go, Brian. You looked good out there!



Sergeant Major Helms puts the men through their paces, above and left. Look carefully at the photo at left and you will see how Brian won the day. The unit was at port arms and Helms gave the command to left face. Everyone except Brian, center of the unit, executed the improper command and were "knocked out."

## ***Starting in 1893***

### **Don Studer compiles AMA Sports timeline**

AMA Museum Volunteer **Don Studer** has compiled a sports timeline for Augusta beginning in 1893 when for the first time gymnastics was reported as a sport played by cadets.

Working with the available records, Sergeant Studer has listed which sports were being played at AMA in different years chronicling the wax and wane of different sports through the ninety years between 1893 and 1983.

Football and baseball were first recorded in 1896 though **General Roller** said that AMA and Fishburne played baseball as far back as 1881. Tennis was being played by 1898 and the first mention of basketball was in 1907. Swimming, track and bowling all were on the schedule in 1910. What we knew as Hoover Hall under the Big Room was for many years a bowling alley. The first team record was listed in 1911 when the AMA football team went 6-2-1. Fishburne, SMA and Randolph-Macon were played in football that first recorded year while the basketball team went 6-2 with Massanutten Military Academy one of the teams on that schedule.

Swimming apparently started as a competitive sport in 1920. Wrestling started in 1922 while rifle matches began in 1924. Boxing came to AMA in 1926 and fencing in 1927. In the 1929 records comes the first mention of golf.

The cavalry unit came into being in 1935 when **Major Roller** was Master at the Glenmore Hunt Club. Boxing disappeared after World War II and lacrosse came to AMA in 1948 and soccer was introduced in 1970. Beginning in 1976, rugby was played for just two years.

### ***Some AMA PX items are found on web site***

Slowly but surely, items for sale in the AMA PX are appearing on the AMA web site.

While one cannot order from the PX on line, you can read about and see what is being offered for sale.

Log on to: [AMAAlumni.org](http://AMAAlumni.org).

### ***Class of '65 ring still looking for its owner***

A 1965 AMA Class Ring is still looking for its owner. At present, it sits in a drawer at Police Headquarters in Prince Frederick, Maryland.

Detective Cari Ray thinks that the owner of the ring was either a victim of a burglary or had the ring stolen from their vehicle. The ring was recovered in Lusby, MD.

For more information, call Detective Ray in Prince Frederick. Her e-mail address is: [hallcs@co.cal.md.us](mailto:hallcs@co.cal.md.us). Her phone number is 443/634-3160.



### **Lacayo Brothers continue 70 year family traditions**

**Cesar Augusto Lacayo, '67,** and **Caros Reynaldo Lacayo, '67,** last year celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company their father founded in Nicaragua in 1937. OCAL (Operations of C.A. Lacayo) has Cesar as its President and Carlos is the CEO.

The brothers have directed the company since an older brother was killed in a plane crash. They have sold their tobacco interests but manufacture and/or sell Flor de Cana rum, Kellogg products, Honda bikes, toilet paper, furniture, Rayovac batteries and other products. Cesar heads the company's wine department which cool-stores wine while protecting it from light.



**CORRECTION - In the Winter 2008 issue, this picture ran with an incorrect caption. Left to right, Bill Tinder, '46, Phyllis Losin and Kit Carter. Sorry for the error.**

**AS WE WENT TO PRESS,** we got the bad news that **Willis Walker, '71,** has prostate cancer. We are praying and pulling for you, Willis.

### **American Airlines tickets again lead the Silent Auction results**

Thanks to **Tom DelValle, '73,** Senior Vice President of American Airlines, the Silent Auction at Reunion 2008 was able to raise another \$2,700 this year.

The chief beneficiary of Tom's generosity was **Colonel Jim Council, '49,** who got two first class domestic round trips on American for a bid of \$1,100 and two tourist class round trips for \$700.

The major contributors to this year's auction were DelValle, **Ed Chauncey, '49,** **Bob Gorggrant, '63,** **Roger Messick, '52,** **Dave Conrad, '59,** **Brett Thompson, '75,** **Chuck Foley** from Missouri Military Academy and **Dwight Nitz, '74.**

Those who came in with the highest bids were Council, **Mike Kidd, '72,** **Clyde Ramsey, '49,** **Jeff Wenzel, '70,** **Rich Whitaker, '72,** **Al Zayas, '72,** **Jorge Rovirosa, '70,** **George Mineff, '77,** **Ron Hatcher, '67,** **Jim Mitchell, '76,** and **Lewie Kennett, '72.**



# Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

This is our inadequate way of saying "Thank you" to the many people who made Reunion 2008 such a success. AMA reunions are pretty much all-volunteer affairs which means that the people listed here gave up some of their "fun" time at the reunion to assure that you had a good time. We want to sincerely thank:

Luke Snyder, '60, and Anne, the reunion chairman and his sweet wife... Bruce Strange, '72, for his professional photos... Jim Councill, '49, and Mary Alice for their help with registration and for staying after the reunion to go through three more boxes of school records...

Keith Traylor, '80, and Victor Gomez, '69, for being the best "gophers" and Willis Walker, '71, an honorary gopher... Don Studer, Ben Zinkhan, '60, Goodloe Saunders, '51, and Joe Josephson for the countless things they did to make the reunion a huge success... Diane Goldberg,

Trudy Pennock, Becky Granger, Anne Snyder and Bev Williamson for all their help during the reunion but particularly at Casino Night... The Roller Rifles for making us all so proud... Foundation Chairman Frank Williamson, '60, for being everywhere taking the lead on the entire program... Jerry Izenberg, '48, for taking time from his busy schedule to be with us on his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary... Jim Stillwagon, '67, for chairing the AMA Sports Hall of Fame Committee... Victor Gomez, '69, for

taking dozens of photos, many of which you'll see in this issue... Bob Hume, '63, and Gaye for providing the luxury motor coach for the trip to The Greenbrier... Clyde Ramsey for underwriting the cost of the luncheon at The Greenbrier... Ben

Zinkhan, '60, for tolling the school bell at the Roller Society

Memorial Garden dedication... Rod Willey, '51, for arranging the Thursday event at the Staunton Country Club and the lunch on Saturday in the AMA Gymnasium... Ed Chauncey, '49, though

immobile at home with a broken leg, for sending some

special items for the Silent Auction and Victor Gomez, '69, for having delivered those items to the Holiday Inn... Keith Traylor, '80, for being a great "car parker" in his snappy Roller Rifle uniform and for setting up the gym and the drill field... Willis Walker, '71, for all he did to set up the reunion and tear it down – physically... Bud Oakey, '70, a most willing volunteer, for whatever needed doing... Ben Zinkhan, '60, for putting the garrison flag up in the gym and taking it down after the Hall of



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Fame ceremony, for mowing the grass, cleaning the pavers with a power brush, for selling tickets for the Tower of Power... Goodloe Saunders, '58, for helping move the Silent Auction to and from the Holiday Inn, for manning the House over the reunion weekend, for helping set up the Silent Auction, for managing the Roller Society commemorative program and selling tickets for the Tower of Power... Joe Josephson for being everywhere to do any and everything, for setting up tables in the gym, for the special "White Table," and for assuring that everything was done the right way... Blaine Clarke, '72, for his masterful reading of "Old Glory," and Karl Haleamau, '71, Jorge Roviroza, '71, Tom DelValle, '73, Brett Thompson, '75, and Steve Traylor, '72, who carried off the flag ceremony perfectly... The AMA Color Guard for their faultless performance: Bud Oakey, '70, Rich Whitaker, '72, Willis Walker, '71, Brett Thompson, '75, and Blaine Clarke, '72... Phil Myers, '71, for another beautiful rendition of Taps... Sherry Lily for her angelic voice... Josie Holloway for her splendid support for our administrator Tina Shafer and of course to Tina for all that she did to pull together all the loose ends, for helping with the planning and execution and for her effervescent personality... Frank Spencer, '49, for leading us with words that are pleasing to God... Gordon Metz, '68, for his leadership of the Roller Society... Al Zayas,

'72, for the AMA lanyards and name tags... Jorge Roviroza, '71, for the coffee mugs in the Hospitality Room... Dave Conrad, '59, and Carol for ensuring that the Silent Auction went off as planned and for keeping the Hospitality Room refreshed... Stride Coleman, '72, for his long distance drive to deliver some alumni bikes to Fort Defiance... Tommy Simmons, '53, for being the South's best bar keeper... All the folks at the Saturday lunch who helped take down the tables and chairs... the Fort Defiance Key Club whose ladies performed many thankless tasks with speed and smiles... Shenandoah Valley Monthly and Northern Augusta Journal for publicity before and after the reunion... Sue Messerley and Mid Valley Press for all the great art work and printing... Greg and Becky Douglas and the United Pentecostal Church for being such wonderful landlords... Captain John Butler of Cumming's Battery Cape Fear Artillery for the impressive cannonade on the parade ground.. Stonewall Brigade Brass Ensemble for their performance at Founder's Day... the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College for the Founder's Day Color Guard... the Women of AMA, living and dead, who were saluted at Founder's Day... the Holiday Inn for making good on their promise of good service for our reunion goers... Chris Meek, '84, for chairing the Scholarship Committee... Sergeant Major Jim Helms of Massanutten

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



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Military Academy for running the "Knock out" drill... Sergeant Don Studer for his logistical support to the Roller Rifles and for doing all the things required to have made the 2008 reunion one of the very best ever... the producers of THE AMA WAY who left few dry eyes when the lights went up... the sponsors of Casino Night: Safeway, Inc, Mid Valley Press, the Magowan Foundation, Tommy Clements, '50, Jerry Izenberg, '48, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, Luke Snyder, '60, Roger Messick, '52, Clyde Ramsey, '49, Jim Stillwagon, '67, and Frank Williamson, '60... Mickey Toms, '67, for running the AMA Open one more time and collecting \$1,000 from the golfers for the AMA Foundation... George Holt, '60, for the use of his PA system... the Augusta Stone Church for welcoming us to their grounds... Ed Click for his close and diligent scrutiny of our finances... the AMA drummers for keeping the Roller Rifles in step: Keith Traylor, '80, Tom McCabe, '74, and Billy Morales, '73... Frank Williamson for collecting nearly \$800 during the Awards Banquet for the Tower of Power... Bruce Hemp for her enthusiastic participation in the Saturday events and for feeding the Roller Riders on Sunday morning before their week long



trek... Chuck Foley from Missouri Military Academy for his continued support... Jim Hash, '72, for his eloquent toast in memory of our alumni who died in the Korean and Vietnam Wars... Mal and Linda Livick for their presence at so many reunion functions... Mac McInnis, '67, for spearheading the fund raising drive for THE AMA WAY and for overseeing the production of this incredible program... Bud Oakey, '70, for his pledge to help the Foundation receive additional grants... all the contributors to the Silent Auction... John and Judy Maragon from Fishburne for their enduring friendship and support... Duke Fancher, '58, for his over arching spirit though he could not be at the reunion... all members of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame for bringing such honor to our school... Rich canBreeman for providing the military vehicles which were on display on the black top... Van Nitz, '74, for his valuable contributions to the Silent Auction... Tom Kennedy, '74, for the work he did on THE AMA WAY... Greg Pearce, '65, for his assistance with preparations for the reunion... Mary Lee Sneed and Mary Ann and Rick Smail, '67, for the countless ways they helped throughout the Reunion 2008 weekend. And thanks to all who attended!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



One of the highlights of The Greenbrier visit was the sumptuous lunch served in the Greenbrier Dining Room. There seemed to be one waiter for every two diners and they attended to every need before being asked to do so. This was a very special treat for our travelers.

And the entire meal was paid for by **Clyde Ramsey, '49**! To hold the cost of the trip down, Clyde donated \$50 per person to cover the costs. What a generous act by a generous man. All who were on the trip thank Clyde from the bottom of our hearts.

When you combine Clyde's gift with the motor coach donated by **Gaye and Bob Hume, '63**, the value for each rider was in excess of \$90. Yet, one paid only \$39 for this special day.

***A salute to three special people:  
Bob and Gaye Hume  
and Clyde Ramsey***

## They called it "Project Greek Island" to conceal what was going on under The Greenbrier

It was a big secret, all that digging and building in the West Virginia hills under and around the famous Greenbrier Hotel. What was happening was the construction of a place to safeguard Members of the U.S. House and Senate in case of nuclear war or some other national emergency.

Planned by President Eisenhower, the facility was built between 1958 and 1961 and thereafter maintained in a constant state of readiness by a small cadre of government employees who were thought to be Greenbrier employees by most. The secrecy of the facility was kept for 30 years until the *Washington Post* published a story effectively exposing it. In 1995, the Greenbrier took back the complex.

The protected substructure, or bunker, is buried 720 feet into the hillside under the West Virginia Wing of the hotel.



Above, the West Tunnel door weighs more than 25 tons and each of its two hinges is four feet long. Yet, the door can be moved with just 50 pounds of pressure. This blast door would protect against all but a direct nuclear explosion. Below, left, a studio where Members of Congress could be photographed or televised with the Capitol dome in the background.



The ceilings and walls are three to five feet thick and there is 20 to 60 feet of dirt cover between the bunker and the West Virginia Wing. In the total 112,544 square feet in the bunker are 44 separate locations and 153 rooms including a hall where the Congress could meet, dormitories, a clinic, a cafeteria, a kitchen and a power plant. And there was equipment to test the outside air so in case of a nuclear attack, it could be determined when unfiltered air from the outside could be admitted to the complex.





The annual Friday Motor Coach tour during the reunion crossed the state line into West Virginia to visit the world famous Greenbrier Hotel.

**Bob Hume, '63**, hosted the tour one last time. He and Gaye are retiring before the next reunion. All AMA alumni are in his debt for the wonderfully generous contributions of luxurious motor coaches over the years!



## A VISIT TO THE GREENBRIER



Left, above, Frank Williamson, '60, presents a plaque to Bob Hume, '63, thanking him and Gaye for arranging all the Friday reunion tours. Right, above, boarding the bus at the Holiday Inn. Left, below, beginning the tour. No photos were allowed in the bunker. We all wondered why since the whole world knows about it. Below, right, The Greenbrier in its Springtime glory.







**SIGN IN** - Waiting for the rush at the registration desk. Stride Coleman, '72, Willis Walker, '71, Brett Thompson, '75, Sergeant Don Studer and, back to camera, Tina Shafer, Foundation Administrator.



**ON GUARD** - These fellows volunteered to keep the AMA Museum open on the Friday of Reunion 2008. Thanks to Goodloe Saunders, '57, Sergeant Joe Josephson, Ben Zinkhan, '60, Doug Carter, '72, and Russell Wells, '72. Thanks, men!



**SADDLE UP AND MOVE 'EM OUT** - Garry Granger gives Marge (Mrs. George) Solan a ride on his Harley. The rest of the story: they ran out of gas. Likely story...



**WHERE ARE THEY GOING????????????????????**



**THE PARTY'S OVER** - Ben Zinkhan and other volunteers remove the PX items from the hotel and take them back to Fort Defiance.



**LUNCH IN THE GYM** - That is why the people were lined up outside the gym. More than 300 had lunch and then saw the installation of the first 19 members of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. The lunch was arranged again this year by Rod Willey, '51, and all pronounced it good eating!





## Four \$3,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships awarded to top students at Reunion 2008

The AMA Alumni Foundation awarded \$12,000 in scholarship help to the legacies of AMA alumni during Reunion 2008. Three of the awards were for scholastic excellence and one for leadership qualities. Each stipend is worth \$3,000.

Scholarship Chairman **Chris Meek**, '84, said that there were many good applications *"and we think that we chose the best of the lot."*

Earning the scholarships were:

- Abigail Deal, granddaughter of **Bernard Graves**, '26. Abigail won the Leadership Scholarship.
- Andrew Leach, son of **Ed Leach**, '69, won an academic scholarship.

■ Mallory Mitchell, the daughter of **Jim Mitchell**, '76, won an academic scholarship.

■ Casey Nicol, daughter of **Rob Nicol**, '67, won an academic scholarship.

AMA Legacy Scholarships are awarded annually to the direct descendants of AMA alumni (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc. whether natural, adopted or step). The scholarships go to those who are 25 years of age or younger and who are or will be enrolled at an institution of learning beyond the high school



level. The money is paid directly to the institution attended or to be attended by the scholarship winner.

When the AMA Legacy Scholarships began, there was but one award of \$1,000 per year, usually made possible by a gift from a single alumnus or AMA friend. Today, the Foundation trustees meet in the Fall to determine how many scholarships to grant the next year and in what amount.

The Fall *Bayonet* will report on the trustees' decision and will announce the availability of 2009 scholarship applications from the AMA Alumni House/Museum.



Top, left, Abigail Deal with Scholarship Committee Chairman Chris Meek, '84. Above, right, Casey Nicol and Meek.





*Casey Nicol is the daughter of the late Rob Nicol, '67. Plagued by back problems, Rob never let his ailments deter his desire to live life to the fullest. Unfortunately, Rob died at age 47.*

*Casey did not let this tragic life experience set her back. She is maintaining an extremely high grade point average at the University of Virginia where she is majoring in pre med.*

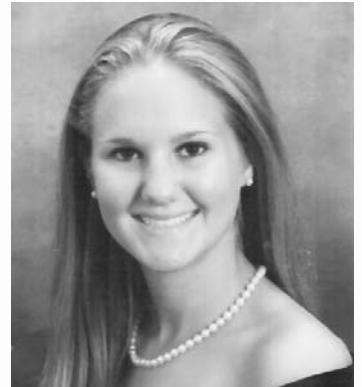


*Rob Nicol,  
1967 Recall*

*Her goal to become a doctor has been inspired by the experiences which shaped her childhood.*

*She volunteers at the Comfort Zone Camp, a free bereavement camp for children who have lost a parent or sibling.*

*Casey also works as a medical scribe in the Emergency Room at the University of Virginia Hospital.*



*Casey Nicol  
Legacy winner*



*Casey Nicol accepts her  
AMA Legacy Scholarship.*





*Andrew Leach will be a sophomore in the Conservatory at Shenandoah University. He will be majoring in Children's Theater and plans to teach theater in the school system.*

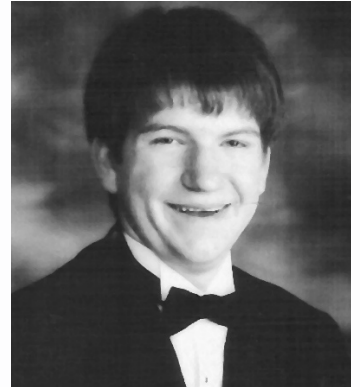
*Andrew cites his Father, Edwin Leach, '69, for recognizing his musical and theater talents and encouraging him to pursue them. As early as the fifth grade, his Dad was seeking opportunities for Andrew to perform.*



*Ed Leach,  
1969 Recall*

*Andrew landed his first role in the Shenandoah's Summer Music Theater production of Peter Pan.*

*Just as the instructors at Augusta did for his Father, Ed supported Andrew as he grew into a talented performer. Andrew was recruited by several renowned university programs including Wake Forest University and the University of Virginia.*



*Andrew Leach  
Legacy winner*



*Ed Leach, '69, accepts for  
his son, Andrew.*



*Mallory Mitchell is the daughter of Jim Mitchell, '76 and she carries on the family tradition of Ad Astra per Aspera.*

*Accepted into the doctoral programs in pharmacology at Duquesne University, Mal has maintained an amazing high grade point average while excelling in track and field.*



*Mallory Mitchell  
Legacy winner*



*Jim Mitchell,  
1975 Recall*

*Not only were two schools competing for her superior academic ability but for her commanding presence as a triple jumper and cross country runner on their track teams.*

*Mallory credits her Dad for his support and guidance that has anchored her success, recounting many dinner table conversations about his time at Augusta and its impact on him as a young man and later, as a successful restaurateur.*



*Jim Mitchell, '76, accepts for Mal as  
Chris Meek, '84, smiles approvingly.*





*Abigail Deal never met her grandfather, Bernard Graves, '26, but his influence although indirect made a profound impact on her life. His faith in God, musical ability and athletic prowess had a significant impact on her.*



*Bernard  
Graves,  
1926*

*Abigail is captain of the varsity swim team at Albemarle High School and is President of the National Honor Society.*

*Her leadership qualities as swim team captain helped her and her grieving teammates overcome the unexpected death of their young coach.*

*For her ability to overcome her own struggles to help her teammates (and still maintain better than a 3.5 GPA), Abigail received the Spirit Award along with several academic honors from her high school.*



*Abigail Deal  
Leadership winner*



*Abigail Deal accepts her  
Legacy Scholarship.*

# CONTRIBUTIONS for 2008

These alumni and friends have made contributions to the AMA Alumni Association and/or the AMA Alumni Foundation so far in 2008. We thank them and salute them! Without the help of our friends, you would not be reading The Bayonet, our Museum would close and we would have no scholarships to offer. Look into your heart, decide what AMA means to you, and please let us hear from you soon.

## GIVING LEVELS

Cadet Club . . . . . Up to \$50  
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Greg Pearce, '65

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Jim Mitchell, '76  
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Jim Stillwagon, '67  
Don Studer  
Nicky Syropoulos, '69  
Steve Traylor, '72  
Meb Turner, '49  
Willis Walker, '71  
Shad White, '52  
Rod Willey, '51  
Charles Williams  
Susan Yates  
Dan Yellott, '53  
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in memory of Zeke Zehmer, '59  
John Zirkle

### WHITE LEADER

Tidewater Drillers AAU  
in memory of Zeke Zehmer, '59

### CADET CLUB MEMBERS

John Barrett, '50  
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in memory of Zeke Zehmer, '59  
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in memory of Zeke Zehmer, '59  
Ralph Sassaman, '70  
Bill Tinder, '46  
Virginia Turner  
in memory of Zeke Zehmer, '59  
Lynch Ward, '58.

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## Foundation trustees hear that contributions are slowing down, but principal's not been invaded

The AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees met the Thursday before Reunion 2009 began and heard that while donations have been slowing down, the Foundation has not had to invade the principal of its investments. Treasurer **Ed Click**, '50, gave a financial report and a financial analysis from AMA's investment firm Raymond James.

Trustee **Garry Granger**, '71, offered a new scholarship opportunity as **Blaine Clarke**, '72, and Scholarship Chair **Chris Meek**, '84, investigate the possibility of helping an "at risk" youth get back on track. Clarke works with many young people who are on the edge and he and Meek will report back to the trustees on the efficacy of such a scholarship grant.

Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson**, '60, announced that the Museum of Library Services has made an "information grant" to AMA. The grant provides access to programs that help maintain and upgrade museums. Trustee **Gordon Metz**, '68, has been in touch with an associate at the Martinsville (VA) Museum to see what other help is available to a small museum such as ours.

Williamson has been in conversation with new AMA Alumni Association Board Member **Bud Oakey**, '70, who has contacts in Richmond that may lead to another State of Virginia grant. Metz announced four new members of the Roller Society: **Victor Gomez**, '69, **John Bell**, '54, **Tommy Mitchell**, '52, and **Tommy Simmons**, '53.

Click reported on Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance saying that it will cost about \$900 annually no matter where it is purchased. He also is looking into "event" insurance to cover AMA sponsored events where alcohol is served.

The trustees will next meet on Friday 31 October in Lexington on the campus at VMI. Later that day, AMA will be honored at a VMI Dress Parade. The next day – Saturday 1 November – the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors will meet on the VMI campus.



**DRESSED FOR DUTY - Bruce Orenstein, '69, is attired in his Roller Riders jacket ready for the post Reunion 2008 motorcycle trip. See story and more pictures on page 46.**

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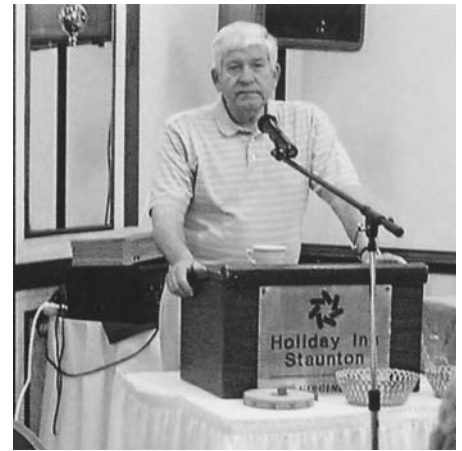
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**THE FUTURE** - Clyde Ramsey, '49, meets with students from Blue Ridge Community College who have received scholarship help from a fund set up by Clyde to honor his late wife. The money is administered by AMA which gives us a positive image in the area. Once more, Clyde has challenged us!



**FILLING IN** - In the absence of Coach Bill Ralph who has hosted fellowship breakfasts at each reunion, Luke Snyder, '60, addressed the Sunday morning gathering. Frank Williamson, '60, who played for Coach Ralph, made some comments and the attendees offered their prayers for Coach Ralph who was hospitalized with a heart ailment.

## Big plans for Class of 1949

1949 Class Agent **Frank Spencer** and his classmate **Clyde Ramsey** already are hard at work getting their fellow 49ers back for their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion next year.

A letter has gone out to everyone from the class for whom AMA has working addresses. At the same time, they are trying to get the mailing addresses of other classmates who

have not been heard from in a while.

Spencer plans to prepare a brochure which will include thumbnail sketches of each classmate. In his first letter, he is asking for information about jobs, military service, family and the like to be used in the brochure.

Frank made it clear that the invitation is to everyone whose last year at AMA was 1949 *"whether or not they graduated. Our class always has had a good contingency at past reunions and we want to set a record next year at our 60th."*

## Some PX items on line

You can view some of the items for sale at the AMA PX on the AMA web site: [AMAAumni.org](http://AMAAumni.org)

The site does yet have a complete listing of PX items and you can not place an order through the web site. But you can go on [AMAAumni.org](http://AMAAumni.org) to see what the included items look like, colors, prices, sizes and so forth. You can also contact the PX direct at [AMAAumniHouse@aol.com](mailto:AMAAumniHouse@aol.com) to get prices, shipping costs and the like.



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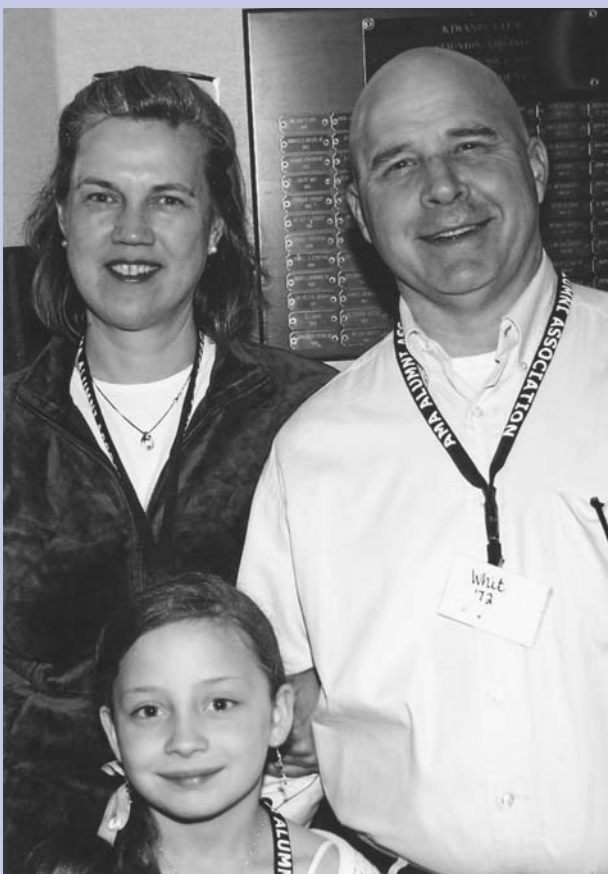
LTC and Mrs. Steve Trent, '70



Above, Brian Miller, '67, and Vicki. Below, Rich Whitaker, '72, his bride, Johanna, and daughter Adriana.



Sergeant Don Studer does last minute checking of reunion registration lists.



Foundation Administrator Tina Shafer assembles table tents for the gaming tables indicating who had sponsored each table. Thanks to all of you!



Early arrivals Anne and Luke Snyder, '60, arrive on campus the day before Reunion 2008 began with much work to do. Many thanks to you both!



Rex Rumley, '69, rakes in the chips on Casino Night. The verdict from reunion goes: Casino Night is a big success and will be back in 2009.

## ***Four new board members Board hears rosy report***

The finances are in good shape. The turnout for the reunion was strong. The Sports Hall of Fame has been a success far beyond imagination. The AMA Way has inspired every person who has seen the fantastic video, three years in the making.

As a result of all these positive things, the annual AMA Alumni membership and the AMA Alumni Board meetings were mostly celebratory.

Treasurer **Ed Click**, '50, and Administrator **Tina Shafer** gave positive reports about the financial condition of the AMA Alumni Foundation where most AMA funds are kept. The Foundation is responsible for the AMA and VMI Scholarships, the AMA Museum, *The Bayonet* and maintaining the AMA mailing list.

Shafer said that everything was in readiness for the Saturday afternoon events and Casino Night and that to that point, everything transpired as planned.

Click asked that **Clyde Ramsey**, '49, be recognized for his support of the reunion and the Blue Ridge Community College Scholarship Fund administered by AMA. New Director **Bud Oakey**, '70, a lobbyist in Richmond, said that AMA needs a Legislative Committee the goal of which would be to assist in getting state grants for our Foundation as well as acquainting members of the General Assembly with the AMA Foundation and Association.

**President Granger** called for a report from the Nominating Committee. Director **Lewie Kennett**, '72, reported four nominations from the committee: **Jorge Rovirosa**, '70, **Jeff Wenzel**, '70, **Victor Gomez**, '70, and **Oakey**. They were elected by acclamation.

**Angus Hines**, '42, said that he is purchasing a quantity of the new DVD "to send to classmates and AMA friends to rejuvenate their interest in what we are doing." **Brett Thompson**, '75, was asked to investigate if some portion of the DVD might be put on the AMA website.

Thompson is to talk with AMA Web Master **B. J. d'Orsay**, '70, to determine if a portion of the DVD can be put on AMAAlumni.com.



**NEW ON THE BOARD** - At the April AMA Alumni Association Board meeting, four new board members were elected. L. to r., **Victor Gomez**, '69, **Bud Oakey**, '70, **Jorge Rovirosa**, '70, and **Jeff Wenzel**, '70.



**PRESIDENT GRANGER** presides, **Norvell West**, '83, listens.

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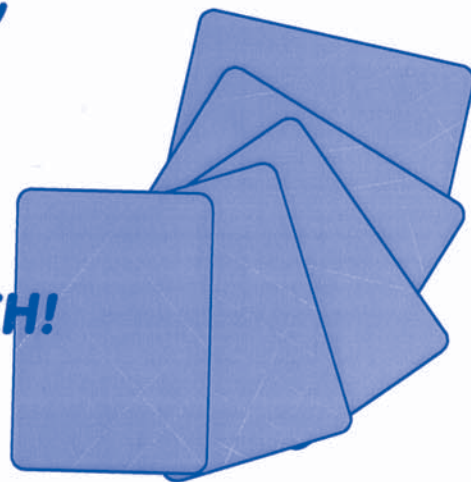
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**Frank Williamson, '60**

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**



# William H. Armstrong, '32, Wrote *Sounder*

## Award winning novel, movie

*Sounder* tells the story of an African-American family living in the rural South in the very early 1900s. Trapped in a web of grinding poverty and discrimination, the family perseveres because they love each other, have deep religious faith and a determination to forgo a better life.

The author, **William Howard Armstrong, '32**, was born on his parents' farm near Lexington in 1914. As a young boy, he helped his parents with farming chores, which taught him the value of hard work. Books were scarce and Armstrong's mother educated her children by reading from the Bible every day. Armstrong suffered terribly during his early days in school. His small size, glasses, chronic asthma and a stutter caused other kids to taunt him, but in the sixth grade, a favorite teacher changed his life by singling him out on one of his written assignments for the paper's neat appearance. *"Now, suddenly, I knew I could win,"* he said. *"I could have almost perfect written work."*

His family decided that the academic regimen at the country school Armstrong attended in Rockbridge County was not going to let him develop to his full potential. An uncle who lived near The Fort invited the young man to stay with him and Armstrong began three years as a day student at AMA with the help and support of **Colonel Tom Roller**, co-principal and head of academics at Augusta. Bill spent all three years in A Company, drilling with the unit after school and marching in the Sunday Parades.

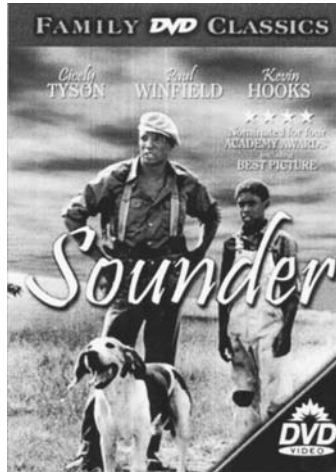
### YMCA meetings

He also attended YMCA meetings on Sunday evenings and **Reverend McBryde's** Bible Classes on Wednesdays, both of which continued his understanding of his faith which he would later commit to paper when he wrote *Sounder*. The boy in the novel loves the Old Testament stories which Armstrong also loved as a child. *"Not until years later did I understand why I liked those stories so much,"* he said. *"It was because everything that could be omitted was omitted and since there was no description of David, I could be like David."* In *Sounder*, Armstrong omits extraneous information and never tells us the age of the boy in the story nor any clue to what he looked like.

After graduating from AMA, Armstrong attended, first, Hampden-Sydney (which would give him an honorary Doctor of Letters in 1986), then the University of Virginia. He had considered becoming a journalist (though he worked on neither *The Bayonet* nor *The Recall* at AMA nor on any student publications in college) but chose a teaching

*I write with a pencil on a lined tablet. For most of my books begin with an idea that I take inside and keep there for a long time before I write a single word. It gets into my blood and is filtered through my heart until it is part of me... I'm a loner and some of the characters in my books begin to appreciate the quiet harvest of loneliness, the quiet symphony of creation and earth, the quiet music of the earth – and its deep agony.*

– **Bill Armstrong in 1989**



career instead. He taught for several years in Virginia schools, then in 1945 took a job as ninth grade teacher at the Kent School in Connecticut where he was to be a history master for 53 years.

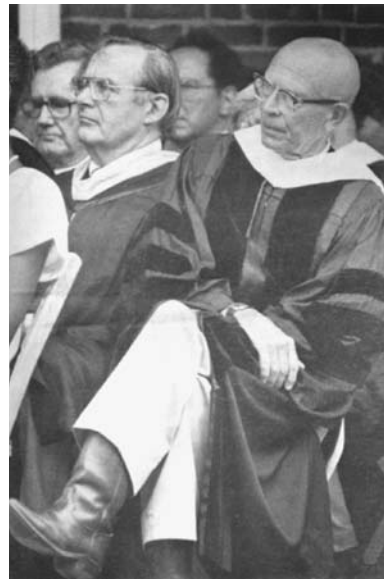
He was a formidable character and as head of study hall, he did not tolerate fools gladly. With Hooverlike accuracy, he more than once sent a text book or piece of chalk flying across the classroom to awaken an inattentive student. Armstrong bought a home and a few acres of land not so far from Kent School and



**Armstrong, 1932 *Bayonet***

rode a bicycle to and from the campus always wearing a pair of boots. He raised sheep for Passover on a lovely hillside owned by the school and constructed stone fences and out-buildings by hand and by himself on his land. Bill Armstrong became well known around the campus for instilling in his students good study habits and the school's headmaster asked him to write a book about his techniques. Despite his initial reservations, he decided he would write the book which would prove difficult to complete.

His wife of ten years, Martha Stone Street Armstrong, who he had



**BOOTED - Bill Armstrong wore boots everywhere on the Kent School campus, even at the graduation ceremony in 1996.**

married in Virginia in 1943, died suddenly in 1953 leaving Bill with three small children to raise and a household to run. As a result, he developed the habit of rising at 4:00 AM and writing until 7:00 AM remarking that, *"There is something very satisfactory about having one big job finished before breakfast."*

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**FIRST TIME BACK** - Jerry Peirano, '67, right, came back for his first ever reunion. Jorge Rovirosa, '70, was one of many who made Jerry feel welcome.



**THE DOCTOR IS IN** - Dr. George "Boots" Solan, '43, and Bruce Nicholson, '62, enjoy the Thursday night reception.



**Bobby Rhea, '47, chats with Mal Livick at the Awards Banquet.**

# REUNION 2008



**OLD TIMES** - Former AMA First Captain Earl Cabaniss, '43, talks over old times with Angus Hines, '42.



**Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bazemore, '48, came back for Jim's 60<sup>th</sup> reunion.**



**LAST MINUTE CHECK** - President Granger and Foundation Administrator Tina Shafer pick up a phone message from an alumnus looking for a hotel room. They were able to find one for him.

**Bill Parkins, '70, right, says that his Dad, Colonel Will Parkins, is doing "pretty well" at a facility in Bridgewater. It's always good to see Bill at the reunions!**



# Roller Riders romp through five states

By Rick Smail, '67

Facing threatening skies, the Roller Riders began their 2008 annual post-reunion ride with a quick trip down Route 11 to the home of **Bruce and Tom Kemp** for breakfast. The breakfast at the Kemp's has become a tradition which includes many AMA alumni besides the Roller Riders. More than 30 mouths eagerly enjoyed Bruce's excellent cooking.

The Riders had two New Cadets join our ranks this year: **Chris Meek, '84**, and **Keith Sterling, '76**. Inasmuch as this year's new cadets have not yet learned the wisdom of riding American iron, Bruce was gracious enough to present Chris and Keith with bags of rice to "fuel" their machines.

After breakfast, the group returned to the Black Top on campus for what has been the customary photo shoot in front of Big Barracks and a loop around the bowl.

**Gordon Metz, '68**, led **Lewie Kennett, '72**, **Garry Granger, '71**, **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, **Tom DelValle, '73**, **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, **Mac McWilliams, '77**, **Bret Thompson, '75**, **Meek**, **Sterling** and me plus **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**, driving his Thunderbird around the bowl and onto the highway. We also were joined for the afternoon by **Sergeant Major Jim Helms** of Massanutten MA.

Our destination for the first day was Paint Bank, Virginia but before we got there we visited The Homestead in Warm Springs, VA and The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Work commitments on Monday prevented Chris Meek from riding with the group past mid-afternoon so he was bid farewell with a shower of rice.

We arrived at Paint Bank about seven in the evening, only moments before the skies opened up with a hard rain. The hotel for the evening was a converted train station called "The Depot Lodge" and all of us were impressed with the accommodations.

Monday dawned with continued cold rain and more than one of us wondered if the weather would permit our departure. After a morning of sitting on the porch smoking cigars and telling lies, DelValle gave the American Airlines Meteorology Department a call to see what we could expect. They Googled Paint Bank to find where in the heck Tom was and told him that a departure after one PM would keep us out of the rain.

At 12:30, the rain was very heavy and most were skeptical about departing, but to metro's credit, the rain had stopped by one o'clock and the group was off to Little Switzerland, NC. Along the way, Nicky had a check engine light come on and he had to leave his beloved Thunderbird



**RICEARONI** - Bruce Kemp, center, had a bag of rice for Chris Meek, '84, and Keith Sterling, '76 to "fuel" their oriental bikes. Below, Nick Syropoulos, '69, Mac McWilliams, '77, Bruce Orenstein, '68, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, Garry Granger, '71, Brett Thompson, '75, Gordon Metz, '68, Tom DelValle, '73, and Rick Smail, '67.



**THE BOYS AT BIG LYNN LODGE**

in exchange for a rental Toyota while his car was fixed.

About the same time, we bid farewell to Kennett and Sterling. With the bad weather and repair delays it was almost nine PM before the Riders arrived at the Big Lynn Lodge, dry, but cold as the rain was replaced by near freezing temperatures.

Tuesday dawned clear but cold. Once underway the temperature warmed and after riding over beautiful Route 64 through North Carolina, the Riders arrived in Helen, GA for the night. Helen is a quaint little town and our hotel was on the banks of the Chattahoochee River where more cigars were enjoyed after dinner.

The roads in North Georgia are great motorcycle roads as they weave through the mountains. Everyone was



excited about the ride on Wednesday, but unfortunately, logistics required the group to split again as DelValle and Granger headed for Dallas and Rovirosa toward Miami. The balance spent the day exploring some of the most scenic roads we have ever traveled in the states of Georgia, Tennessee and finishing in Stecoah, NC at the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge. We spent that night in cabins and sitting around a fire pit with other riders exchanging travel information and enjoying the crisp mountain air.

Thursday we went on to Maggie Valley, NC and toured the Wheels through Time Museum which has a collection of more than 300 motorcycles and several antique cars. One unique thing about this museum is that almost every piece in it runs. In fact, most of them are ridden from time to time. The collection includes many pieces from the pre-1920s and some that are more than 100 years old.

Amazingly a couple of these 100 year old bikes are raced each year.

We then headed to Asheville for lunch, then spent the afternoon riding up the Blue Ridge Parkway. We spent that evening in Laurel Springs, NC, another lodge catering to motorcycle enthusiasts.

Friday dawned with excitement as Nicky was reunited with his T-Bird. We went up the Parkway and then on to the garage in Christiansburg, VA where the Toyota was finally exchanged for the Thunderbird. After lunch, we got back on the Parkway where we spent the balance of the afternoon traveling north to Staunton.

Friday night, the Hemps once again extended their hospitality to our group and



**SITTIN' AND A-ROCKIN' - Jorge Rovirosa and Tom DelValle wait out the rain on the second morning of the trip. Below, the Harley boys made their annual ride around the Bowl before starting their trip.**



**THREE FNC's from 2005: Orenstein, Thompson and Rovirosa.**

provided a wonderful evening with great food and great company. **Jim Atchison, '73**, joined the group.

Everyone on the trip this year agreed that with the exception of the rain and the cold, the ride could not have been more enjoyable. We experienced great roads, vistas and brotherhood – next year cannot get here soon enough!

## **"Bay of Pigs" exhibit planned**

A number of AMA alumni were involved in the Bay of Pigs fiasco where Cuban freedom fighters were left to fend for themselves when promised U.S. air cover failed to materialize. This was the most serious attempt to depose Fidel Castro and his Communist supporters. Because so many AMA fellows were in this invasion or supported it in some way, an exhibit is planned for the AMA Museum to tell their story.

**Sergeant Don Studer** who is putting the exhibit together needs help. *"We need items that relate to the invasion, information about AMA guys who took part, maps, stories, anything that will enable us to have a large and factual exhibit in place later this year,"* he says. *"Several Bay of Pigs vets have died in recent years and we want to get their story told while there are still people around who were in the invasion."*

This request is aimed at the many Cuban cadets whose lives changed forever when Castro came to power.

The museum will be glad to accept items "on loan" which means they will be returned to their owners when the exhibit comes down.

Contact Sergeant Studer at: [donaldstuder@aol.com](mailto:donaldstuder@aol.com)





## The ROLLER RIFLES 26 April 2008

Commanding Officer: Doug Pennock, '72

Guidon bearer: Jorge Rovirosa, '70

First squad: Tom DelValle, '72, Rick Smail, '67, Joe Garry, '73, Bud Oakey, '70, Al Zayas, '72, Hampton Foley, '55

Second squad: Mike Kidd, '72, Chris Meek, '84, Willie Walker, '72, Richard Whitaker, '72, Brian Miller, '67, Karl Haleamau, '71

Third squad: Lewie Kennett, '72, Jim Mitchell, '76, Brett Thompson, '75, Tom Forrer, '67, Blaine Clarke '72, Jim Atchison, '73, Steve T aylor, '72

Drummers: Keith Traylor, '80, Tome McCabe, '74, Billy Morales, '73

Official Photographer: Bruce Strange, '72







## Lost arm in train accident

# Jack Harris, '37, played three sports at Augusta

Though he lost his right arm when he was nine years old, **Jack Harris, '37**, went on to wrestle for AMA and pitch on the AMA baseball team. He also lettered in football.

Jack said that the injury wouldn't slow him down *"because I am left handed anyway."* He had tried to hop on a freight train at Lambert's Point in Norfolk when he fell under the wheels of the train.

Before he came to AMA, he had attended Oceana High School in Norfolk where he excelled in football, baseball and wrestling. By the time he had arrived at the Norfolk Division of William and Mary in 1938, he decided to concentrate on football and baseball. Amazingly, he did well as quarterback carrying the ball on QB sneaks.

He went on to play for the Norfolk Braves where he was a blocking back but he also led the team in pass interceptions and he kicked extra points. He led the Braves' pitching staff and earned the nickname "The One-Armed Brave."

Jack finished his college work at Columbia where he studied broadcast journalism going on to a successful radio career in Hampton Roads as a sports announcer on WNOR and later as Executive Vice President and General Manager of WVAB in Virginia Beach.

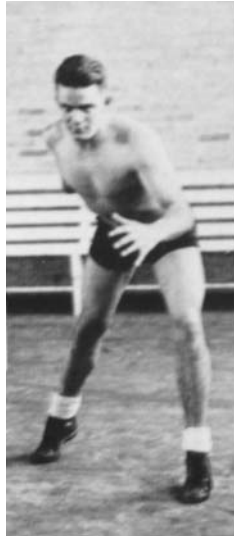
*Thanks to Ed Click, '50, and Sergeant Joe Josephson for this story*

## **Bob Lappin, '46, snowbird, practiced law for 40 years**

**Robert S. Lappin, '46**, graduated from Augusta the year after World War Two ended and after 40 years as an attorney has retired, splitting his time between Cape Cod, Massachusetts and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Lappin graduated from Norwich University in 1951 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in armor. He had troop duty in the US and Japan and served as platoon leader of a Heavy Truck Company, 179<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry, in Korea 1952-53.

He returned to civilian life in 1953 and received his MBA from Boston



**On the wrestling team, from the 1937 Recall**



**Bob Lappin, 1946 Recall**

College in 1955. He received an LLB (later replaced by a JD) and passed the Massachusetts Bar in 1959. He was a member of the Adjunct Faculties at the Boston College School of Law and Bentley College from 1960 until 1965.

Bob has a son, Josh, and daughters Mara and Jane. He has two grandsons and one granddaughter. *"I have a delightful retired golf existence,"* he says.

At AMA, Lappin was an outstanding tennis player and was the chess champion around barracks. He was a cadet in A Company.

## **Have you thought about this?**

Do you have a life insurance policy that you no longer need? Perhaps your original reason for taking out the policy no longer applies – your children are now self-supporting, the mortgage is paid, or you have assets you didn't have when you were younger.

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Several alumni have made the AMA Alumni Foundation the beneficiary on their military insurance.

## **Yahoo offers easy way to raise money for AMA**

What if AMA could earn more than a penny every time you do a search on the internet? How about if a percentage of every purchase you make on line went to support the AMA Alumni Foundation?

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue – about a penny and a third per search – to non-profits such as the AMA Alumni Foundation. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo and watch your donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new on line shopping mall which will donate a percentage of each purchase to the AMA Alumni Foundation if you so designate. Hundreds of great stores are included: Best Buy, Amazon, Ebay, Macy's, Target, Gap, Barnes and Noble, Home Depot and many more. These companies have teamed with GoodShop.com and every time you place an order to one of the participating companies, you will be supporting AMA.

What do you do to sign up?

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# SPOTLIGHT on RICHARD McLAUGHLIN

## *A lifetime of service – lived backwards*

There were many AMA alumni who left Augusta to serve in World War II.

One cadet did it backwards: 20 year old **Sergeant Richard McLaughlin, '49**, served in Patton's Third Army and at the end of the war his unit rescued the King of Belgium from Nazi detention in Austria.

Then, Richard came to AMA in the Fall of 1946.

Here was a combat veteran whose assignment it was to locate and engage enemy troops far in front of the main body of the 106<sup>th</sup> Recon Squadron. Of the eight members of his armored car squad, four were killed in the war.

Now Cadet Richard McLaughlin – who had experienced the hell of combat and had seen his friends die in the war – was faithfully obeying all the comparably petty strictures of a military prep school.

Many cadets from that era will remember Mac as the Housefather of J Barracks. From the first year of World War One until the last year of World War Two, the Post Nurse had been **Florence McCormick** who was affectionately known as "Mother Mac." It wasn't long before McLaughlin, who daily had to check the nutritional, sanitary and bowel habits of his young charges, picked up the Mother Mac moniker.

It is difficult to describe with accuracy the nature of the man. To say that he sees things that need to be done and does them would be drastic understatement. A case in point: when Richard graduated from AMA in 1947, he went to Virginia Tech and rented a room from **Bob Bradford's** grandmother, just a short walk from the Blacksburg campus. The day Richard arrived to move into his room, he found no one at home. Seeing that the grass needed to be cut, he searched for and found a push mower and when Bob's Mother and Grandmother returned home, here was this fellow they had never met just finishing up the mowing job.

That was the beginning of four years when Bob's Mother and Grandmother had a man in the house who was always



**Richard McLaughlin,  
1949 Recall**



**Of the eight men in Richard McLaughlin's armored squad in General Patton's Third Army, four were killed. Mac is at the far left on top of the vehicle.**

a step ahead of any problem that presented itself. He took Mrs. Bradford to New York City, her first and only visit, and befriended two middle aged women who lived next door in their deceased parents' home, scarcely venturing out except to go to church or buy groceries. Richard took them on picnics where they perched perilously on a steep hillside, their high heels dug into the dirt to keep them from tumbling into the creek below. He took them on trips and eventually introduced the younger sister, Elizabeth, to her husband to be.

It should come as no surprise that in his senior year at AMA, his fellow cadets voted Richard as having done most for the school, having the best school spirit and being the best natured. It might surprise some to learn that he was voted as having the best school spirit in just his second year as an AMA cadet and was runner-up as having done the most for the school his second year. He was a cheerleader not only at football games but at basketball games and other athletic events on campus. He assumed each and every responsibility with remarkable energy and commitment all the while prodding others to emulate him.

It was late Spring and Salzburg, Austria looked like a picture postcard. The natives were dressed in their *liederhozen* and the tops of the Alps were garnished with snow. This pastoral scene camouflaged what really was happening: Hitler had killed himself and Germany had surrendered. The European portion of World War Two had ended.

Richard McLaughlin attended Lee High School in Staunton and enlisted in the Army the day he turned eighteen. Assigned to an armored cavalry unit in the Third Army, his mission was to move forward with his team to draw enemy fire and hold against them until reinforcements could be brought up. Many years later, Richard said, "We really were expendable. Our job was to keep our infantry

units from suffering big losses which meant that we had losses ourselves." Half of his squad were killed in the war.

After taking Munich, the Third Army continued east to liberate Austria. He remembers that, *"The Autobahn was crowded with many thousands of German soldiers, most of them on foot and on their way home. There were German scout cars with white flags, tanks with white clothing items tied on and horse drawn wagons, some with wounded German soldiers aboard. The Germans marched past our armored car with their heads down and parted to let us drive through. And they did not make a sound!"*

The 106<sup>th</sup> entered Salzburg over a railroad bridge where Richard's CO was handed a letter from an Austrian prince telling him that the King of Belgium and his family were being held under SS guard at the nearby village of St. Gilgen.

Belgium had been invaded by Germany on 10 May 1940 and the Belgian Army was forced to surrender less than three weeks later. The Belgian Cabinet fled to the safety of London while King Leopold III remained in Brussels with his family. As Allied troops smashed their way across Europe in late 1944, the King and his family were moved to the Austrian mountains near Hitler's strongly guarded retreat at Berchtesgaden.

The SS, originally an elite Nazi unit created to be Hitler's bodyguards, had become the principal executors of the so-called "enemies of the State." These fanatics were pledged to fight to the death and when American soldiers had encountered the SS, the GIs were forced into many bloodbaths. So, it was with some trepidation that Richard's unit moved on St. Gilgen.

#### About to face the SS

*"None of us knew what was going to happen," he says. "It was a frightening time but the garrison where the royal family was being held was captured without a single shot being fired." It was 9 May 1945 and the war in Europe had been over for 24 hours.*

Leopold, King of the Belgians, his wife, three children (including future Kings Baudouin and Albert) and an entourage of some 50 servants, advisors and military assistants all were in good condition. At that moment, the mission changed for McLaughlin's unit. *"For the next two months, our job was to protect and entertain the royal family. We took them on boat rides, picnics and trips up and down the cog railway which later appeared in The Sound of Music. It was quite a change from the many months of combat."*

The royals mixed easily with the GIs and there were many opportunities for informal conversations. Back in Belgium, many were upset that the King had not fled to London to avoid his capture by the Germans. Leopold eventually moved to Switzerland and when his son, Baudouin, reached the age of 18, he became the King and occupied the throne until his death in 1993 to be followed by Albert. McLaughlin stayed in touch with the royals after



**On a visit to the AMA Museum, McLaughlin and Clyde Ramsey share a laugh over something in the 1949 Recall.**

the war and attended the funeral of King Baudouin at St. Michaels Cathedral in Brussels as the sole representative of the 106<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

The war over, Mac came home to Staunton and enrolled at AMA just as his grandfather, **Charles McLaughlin**, Class of 1905, had done many years before. His last year, he was the Battalion Supply Officer. After Virginia Tech, he joined NASA where he was stationed in Virginia, Texas, Utah, New York State and Missouri working on the Honest John, Nike and Minuteman missile programs and the space shuttle.

When his mother died in 1982, he took over her dress shop in Babylon on Long Island. He kept the business longer than he should have because he couldn't bring himself to terminate the long time employees. When he did sell the store, he moved back home to Staunton where he has led the fight for a life size statue of Staunton's most famous citizen, Woodrow Wilson.

#### Adopted Bosnian family

While living in Babylon, Richard became a faithful Rotarian and assisted with many of their outreach programs which led him to "adopt" a family from war-torn Bosnia in the mid-1990's. Thereafter, when you phoned McLaughlin's home when he was out, his answering machine informs you, "This is the home of Richard McLaughlin and the Babic family. Please leave your name and number." The Babic family, mother Nermina and her sons Mirza, 14, and Haris, 11, were from Sarajevo and they lived together in McLaughlin's charming 195 year old Long Island home.

It started when Richard was watching television during the peak of the strife in Bosnia and was touched by the sight of severely injured children being brought to Sarajevo hospitals. He started making phone calls: to the United Nations talking with numerous people there, all to no avail. After two and a half months of frustration, he spoke with the daughter of a fellow Rotarian who was Chairman of the



Commodities Future Exchange Commission. Mary Shapiro gave Richard several numbers to call – the Bosnian Embassy in Washington, the Catholic Refugee Corporation and the Lutheran Interfaith Refugee Group.

It was the Lutherans who came up with a family of three who needed a host in the United States. On his own, McLaughlin signed a contract to take in the family, teach them English, get the children enrolled in school and find Nermina a job. The oldest boy spoke good English (*"Better than I did,"* says Mac), the mother and the other son did not speak a word of English. A lot of hard work was ahead.

McLaughlin, the father of four, had the experience of AMA and Virginia Tech, his time in World War II, 30 years with the Air Force as an aeronautical engineer. The feisty McLaughlin was anything but a typical dress shop owner. His military exterior belies a heart of gold. *"He does more for the Babylon community than anyone we know and he does it all behind the scenes not wishing for any credit,"* said the local newspaper.

A typical day at the McLaughlin house started at 6:45 when Rich awoke Mizra and Haris and they came downstairs for orange juice, cereal and milk. The family had not eaten well for three years and Mac made sure they took their vitamins every day. He also chauffeured them around and took them to a doctor for the vaccinations they had never had. Mizra, who was in the ninth grade, left the house at 7:10 AM and Haris who was in the sixth grade caught his bus at 8:45. Mother Nermina worked at the Babylon Child Care Center from 9 until 3 PM. Nermina made her own breakfast and walked a half mile to her job. Both boys played soccer and Mizra tried basketball.

At 6 PM, everyone was at home while Nermina prepared the evening meal. She and Richard grocery shopped together which was a great learning experience for the young mother who cooked lots of chicken, beef and spaghetti. Mac says it took him a while to get used to her style of cooking but then he couldn't wait to taste one of the delicious foreign meals that she prepared. After dinner, the boys did their homework, watched a little TV and went off to bed without a struggle.

Mac arranged for a Babylon school and language teacher to donate many hours of English instruction to the family. The Babics probably saw more of New York City and Long Island in the three years they lived with Mac than have most people in all their lives: Greenport, Sag Harbor, Shelter Island, Southampton, a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge, a

trip to FAO Schwartz and the World Trade Center and Rockefeller Center. They played, swam and barbecued on Oak Island, went boating and were invited to pool parties, fishing trips and to the beach. The two boys became as American as any kid born on these shores.

Sad to say, after Mirza graduated from high school, Nermina moved back to Bosnia and Richard has lost track of her and the two boys to whom he had given a new life.

Richard lived in beautiful houses in both Babylon and Staunton crammed with family heirlooms. Now, after four strokes, he is living in Baldwin Park where he has all the services he may need, but *"I*

*can't drive,"* he laments. *"Some of the people here are much older than I am and they are still driving. Driving was the hardest thing to give up."*

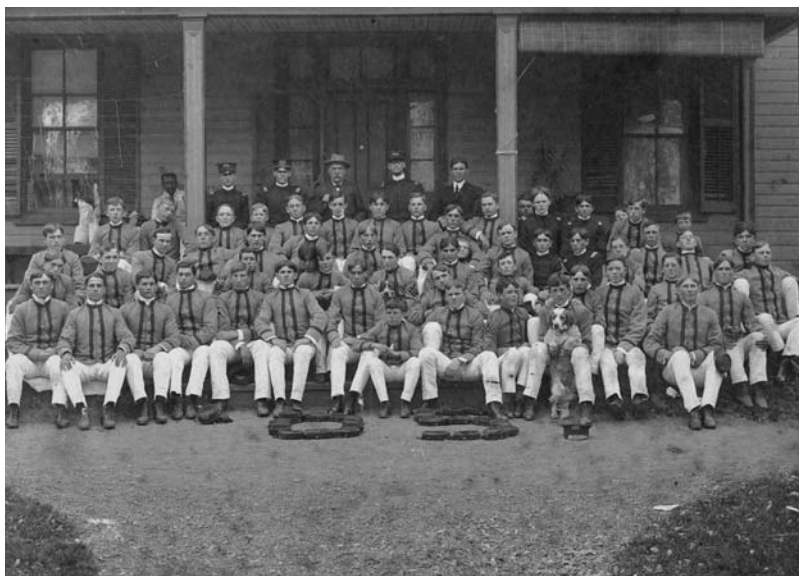
In the Big Room during the 1940's and 1950's, great quotes from great leaders were posted on the walls around the room: George Washington, Robert E. Lee, George Marshall – and Teddy Roosevelt who counseled: *"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."*

Whether or not Richard McLaughlin memorized that simple truth, no one can challenge the fact that he has lived the words bringing untold joy to many.

*Phone Richard McLaughlin at 540/886-6096*



**Mizra graduates from high school while his mother, Nermina, and younger brother, Haris, enjoy the day. Sad to say, Richard McLaughlin, their benefactor, has lost track of them.**



**Richard McLaughlin's grandfather was in the Class of 1905. He is in the second row behind the third cadet from the left in the front row.**

## Warren Fleming, '72, writes:

I want to give a "thumbs up" to a well organized program at Reunion 2008. Each year, I attend the reunions and volunteer at the AMA Museum which brings me great joy.

It was great seeing my classmate **Stride Coleman, '72**. Classmates **Doug Carter** and **Russell Wells** volunteered at the museum on Friday of the reunion and I was go glad to see them there.

America has established a line between the White Man and the children of slaves (which I am), but I want you to know that AMA produced the finest integration process anywhere in America. This process which AMA put in place in 1971 gave me the vehicle to be friends with many AMA cadets.

The process far exceeded the standards put in place by the Brown v. Board of Education case in 1953. I can stand proud and tell America that AMA implemented one of the finest integrations in the country, a story which must be told.

I am now a Commissioner of the Montgomery County Maryland Historical Preservation Commission and am one of the leaders working with the county to better utilize Uncle Tom's cabin. This cabin is located in what is now Bethesda and I am the first child of a slave to notify the public that Josiah Henson, AKA Uncle Tom, was one of America's greatest intellects. His accomplishments were twisted and he has been belittled as a stupid submissive animal.

To learn more about my mission, please visit:  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/24/AR2006062400932.html>



**Warren  
Fleming,  
1972 Recall**

### **GoodSearch** from page 50

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Spread the word!

### **Armstrong** from page 44

In 1956, Armstrong published *Study is Hard Work* and several other books on study habits followed. In 1963, he received the National School Bell Award from the National Association of School Administrators for "distinguished interpretation in the field of education."

*Sounder*, his most popular and successful book, was published in 1969. What he learned from his childhood and

at AMA made their way into the novel – hard work, education, religious faith and a respect for nature. Armstrong drew upon his memories of adults important to him in his childhood – the mother who read the Bible to her children, the stoical father, and the exceptional teachers at AMA and in college who influenced him to become a teacher himself. Praised by critics, the book won the John Newberry Medal and the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award in 1970. Enriched by his earnings from *Sounder*, he charged Kent only one dollar a year thereafter for his academic services.

*Sounder* was made into a movie in 1972 starring Cicely Tyson and Paul Winfield. Tyson called her role as the mother "a gift from heaven" and said that at first Disney thought she was too young to play the part. "Eventually, they came to realize that I was born to do the part" for which she was to receive an Academy Award nomination for best actress. They had to reshoot the closing scene because the cameraman teared up and wasn't sure he had captured the moment on film. They did reshoot the scene but fortunately the first shot was perfect. *Sounder* is now available on audio cassette with Avery Brooks reading the words with a background of blues riffs and spirituals.

Armstrong died in 1999 on his farm in Connecticut. Soon after his death, the AMA Alumni Association received a letter from Bill in which he announced that he had passed away on 11 April.

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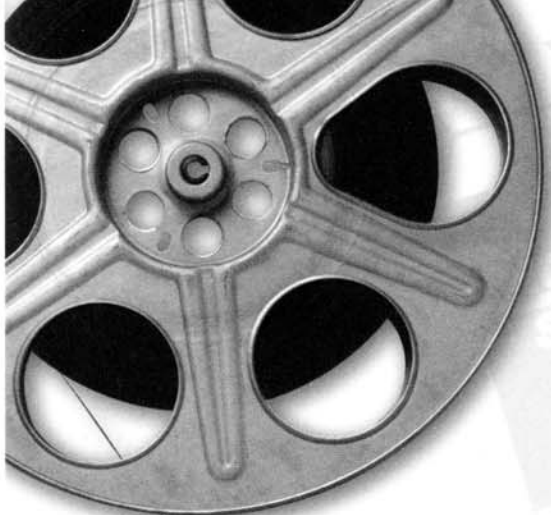
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## Eagles go to Williamson, Bradford

President Garry Granger, '71, surprised a couple of AMA volunteers at the luncheon Saturday during Reunion 2008. He presented **Frank Williamson, '60**, with a beautiful eagle saying that *"while Frank only went to AMA for a single year, few match the love and leadership we see from him."* In his response, Williamson said that when he learned he had to work in the Mess Hall for his scholarship, I could have just left. *"I look around and see all these people I have come to love. I made the right decision to stay."*

Granger also presented a beautiful eagle to Bayonet Editor **Bob Bradford, '50**.

## Willis Walker, '71, wins drawing

When Willis Walker turned in his reunion evaluation sheet he may not have thought about winning any money for doing so. But when a drawing was held at the AMA Alumni House/Museum, Willis' name was picked to win a fifty dollar VISA card. Congratulations, Willis!

If you attended the reunion but have not yet sent in your evaluation sheet, please do so soon so we can better plan our future reunions.

## Need a five-drawer file cabinet

Do you have available a five drawer file cabinet that can be donated to the AMA Alumni House/Museum? If not, perhaps you will make an earmarked contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation. Call 540/248-3007 or send an e-mail to [AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com](mailto:AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com). Thank you.

## Reunion goes' idea accepted

Several people who attended Reunion 2008 asked why we don't put on the AMA web page a weekly update of which alumni have registered for the reunion. Says **Earl Cabaniss, '43**, *"If we could see who else is coming, it probably would encourage others to sign up."*

AMA Webmaster **B. J. d'Orsay, '70**, says, *"This is a good idea. Using an Excel spreadsheet it will be easy for me to do."* Foundation Administrator **Tina Shafer** says that she will furnish the spreadsheets to B. J. on a weekly basis starting in mid-March of 2009 leading up to Reunion 2009.

## Coach Ralph taken ill

Former AMA coach and teacher **Bill Ralph** was taken ill just before the reunion began. Regrettably, he and Rosalie, also a former AMA teacher, were not able to come to the reunion as planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph will appreciate cards and messages sent to: 1341 Tulls Creek Road, Moyock, NC 27958.



**GRADUATION DAY** - Ozzie "Coyote" Ferro, '53, and Grecia at the graduation of their grandson Gionavvi Ameneiro from the University of Florida. Below, Bob Harris, '54, with his daughter Katie Allen at the reunion.



**THE FOLEYS** - Kevin Foley, '54, and Helen (Mrs. Hampton), '55) Foley at Reunion 2008 in the museum.



## General Nicholson going back to Iraq

U. S. Marine Brigadier General **Larry Nicholson, '75**, will be heading back to Iraq early next year.

Now stationed at Quantico, Larry and Debbie will be moving to Camp Lejeune this summer and he will re-deploy to Iraq in early 2009.

The Nicholsons were scheduled to attend Reunion 2008 and he had volunteered to march in the ranks of the Roller Rifles at the reunion. That promise had to be shelved when he received his new orders.

At it's annual membership meeting, the AMA Alumni Association pledged to support General Nicholson in any way possible including the reinstatement of "Parcels for Larry's troops."

## Aronson and Pearce give AMA computers

Responding to a plea in the last *Bayonet*, two AMA alumni have given the AMA Alumni Foundation funds to purchase new computers plus high speed Comcast internet for a year.

**Mark Aronson, '68**, and **Greg Pearce, '65**, phoned the AMA Alumni House/Museum on the same day to offer to pay for new computers and accessories. Foundation Administrator **Tina Shafer** says, "I was completely blown away. These two fellows gave us \$3,000 between them and we were able to get exactly what we need."

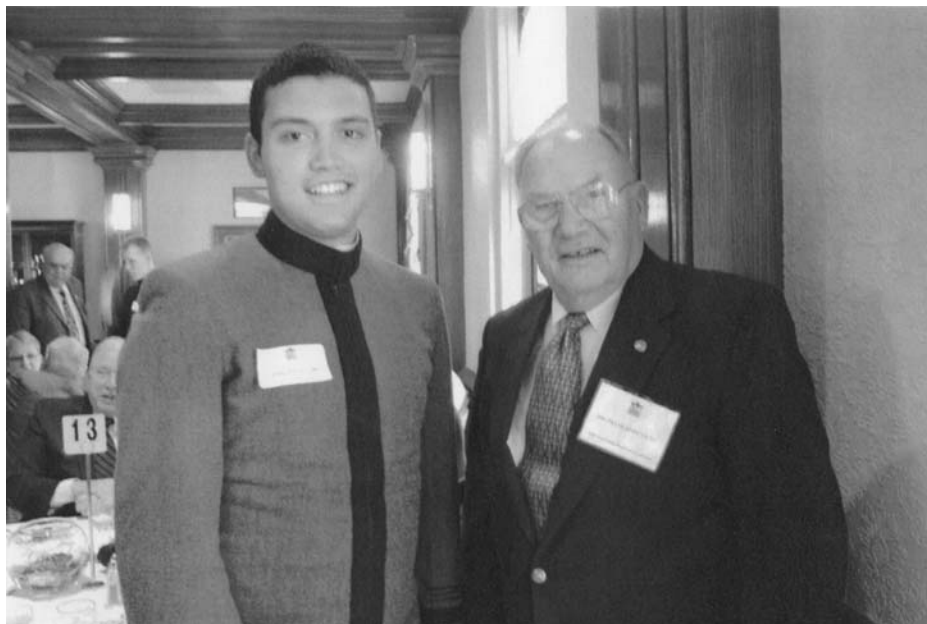
The contribution paid for a new Dell laptop for the office with all available upgrades and a Windows 2007 Operating System with a flat screen and docking station for the laptop.

A Dell desktop with a flat screen was purchased for use in the AMA Museum. **Don Studer** has a new flat screen and he is "so happy."

Thanks, Mark and Greg! The only way we can continue to move forward is with the kind of support these two special fellows have provided.

## Reunion 2009 dates set

Reunion 2009 will be held on 23-26 April (Thursday-Sunday) with headquarters at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton.



**KEYDET CONCLAVE** - Frank Spencer, '49, a VMI graduate, traveled to Lexington to meet with college officials about AMA's support for VMI scholarship programs. Over the past decade, AMA has given more than \$35,000 in scholarship aid to VMI Keydets. AMA Foundation trustees and AMA Alumni Association board members will be honored at a VMI Dress Parade on Friday 31 October. The trustees will meet that day and the board will meet on Saturday 1 November on the VMI campus. Shown above is Spencer with a VMI AMA scholarship recipient.

## Bud Oakey, '70, heads legislative committee

**Dan "Bud" Oakey, '70**, has been appointed by AMA Alumni Association **President Garry Granger, '71**, to head a legislative committee aimed at securing more Virginia State Grants for the work of the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Bud, who lives in Roanoke, spends most of his time in Richmond where he has many contacts in the Virginia General Assembly as well as in the Executive Branch. He believes that having received one grant from the State, it will be easier to secure other awards for historical research and related projects.

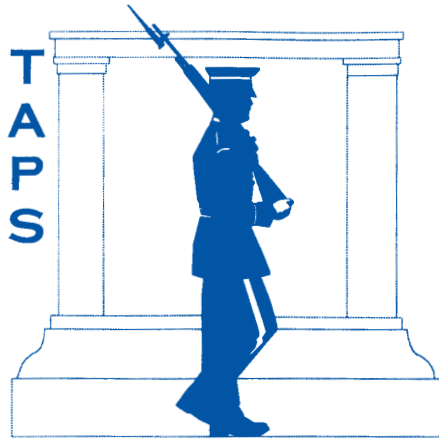
With the retirement of **Bobby Rhea, '47**, as General Counsel to the alumni association and foundation, Oakey is recruiting an attorney to give advice and counsel to the trustees and the board members.

At Reunion 2008, Bud was elected to the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors. Oakey was in Company F when he attended Augusta.

## Heavy rain scrubs sporting clay shoot

Just as the Roller Rifles and the Massanutten Military Academy Drill Team ended their "knock out" drill on the Parade Ground during Reunion 2008, the wind came up and within a minute heavy rain began to fall. While all of the scheduled outside activities on Saturday took place under threatening skies, only the Sporting Clay Shoot in Harrisonburg had to be canceled by the downpour.

A few alumni were particularly soaked by the heavy rain. The Roller Riders were there to watch and participate in the events on the field and when those events ended, they mounted their bikes to return to the Holiday Inn. Within minutes, the Harley Boys were being pelted by the unrelenting rain. When **Tom DeValle, '73**, finally reached the hotel, he had six inches of water in each boot. Other riders were similarly affected but the spirits weren't dampened and they left the next day on their annual post-reunion trek.



**Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty and friends to The AMA Chaplain Frank Spencer, '49**  
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**Clement Barksdale Lathrop, '30**  
 11 May 2008, Richmond, 96. Attended The McGuire School in Richmond before coming to AMA. University of Virginia. Served in World War Two in England and France. President of Lathrop Equipment Company. Member, Country Club of Virginia and the Richmond German Club. Spent winters in Naples, FL and was an avid golfer and tennis player, playing both well into his nineties. Survived by two daughters, Sarah Blackiston of Greenwich, CT and Willis O'Brien of Bronxville, NY, a sister, Willis Starbuck of Richmond and five grandchildren. His maternal grandfather was the seventh governor of West Virginia, Emanuel Willis Wilson. At AMA: 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant, staff.



**Barksdale Lathrop, Jr.,**  
**1930 Recall**

**Richard Andrews, '46**  
 27 April 2008 Baltimore, 80. Retired owner of a Charles Village florist shop. Served in the U.S. Army stationed in Alaska. For many years, he made the

blanket of flowers for the winner of the Preakness. Also did floral work in New York City where he was part of the team that decorated Macy's in Herald Square. Did floral arrangements for the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, NY. Served on board of Floral Transworld Delivery (FTD). Board member of Maryland School for the Blind, an institution which his late father headed. Survived by two sons, Peter of San Diego and Charles of New York City, a sister, Nancy Ingle of Green Valley, AZ, and two granddaughters. At AMA: B Company.



**Richard Andrews,**  
**1946 Recall**

**Colonel Stuart Purks, '48**  
 2 April 2008. Army service in Vietnam. Eleventh grade. At AMA: Sergeant, Band Company, Decorating Committee.

**Robert A. Rhodes, '56**  
 26 April 2008, at the University of Virginia Medical Center, 70. Attended Augusta County Public Schools and AMA. Enlisted in the U. S. Navy in September 1956 and served aboard the USS Canberra until late 1960. After military service, he returned home to Staunton where he worked at Western State Hospital and the Virginia Department of Transportation until he retired in 1986. Survived by his wife, Rebecca Jane; a son, Brian Robert Rhodes; sisters, Fonda Ann Rohn of Richmond and Betty Humphrey of Washington, Michigan. Day student at AMA.

**Charles "Zeke" Zehmer, '59**  
 18 February 2008, DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, after a long illness, 67. Realtor and property manager for 38 years. Attended Warwick High School before coming to AMA. Graduate, Newport News Apprentice School. Retired from Long and Foster Real Estate in 1995. US Army Reserves for eight years. Survived by Anabel Beatty of Norfolk and her daughters, Lynn Killmon and Anne Beatty, their children, Christopher Killmon and Mason Driscoll, and his daughter Cary Zehmer Kelly and his son Charles Bourdon Zehmer, III of

Tampa, FL. At AMA: *Ad Astra per Aspera*. Captain, D Company; Best New Cadet in 1956-57; Decorating Committee; co-president, YMCA; captain, tennis team; lettered in varsity football, basketball, wrestling, and baseball, student body officer, the Honor Committee, Roller Rifles, *Recall* staff, Scholastic Medal at Camp Kannata. Reported by **Jim Crawford, '61,** and **Randy Rodgers, '64.**



**Zeke Zehmer,**  
**1959 Recall**

**Todd E. Matthews, '78**  
 7 April 2007. No details available.

## WERE YOU AT AMA BETWEEN 1975 AND 1984?

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**FROM LAST WINTER** - This photo missed getting into the Winter issue. It's of Mickey Toms, '67, right with his nine year old daughter Francesca, and Jeff Schroeder, '67, with his 22 year old son, Fritz. The Schroeders visited Mickey and they skied at Telluride between Christmas and New Year's.

## Special thanks to our talented photographers

There are some truly fabulous photos in this big Reunion 2008 issue!

We are so very fortunate to have a loyal Augusta man like **Bruce Strange, '72**, attend reunions and show us all why he is the professional photographer that he is. Bruce has many corporate accounts and as you can tell by looking at the center section, for example, his work is without equal. Can't thank you enough, Bruce.

**Victor Gomez, '69**, says that he is not a photographer but his pictures say that he is a pretty good one. He covers so many things at and between reunions.

We thank everyone who has sent us photos.



**VOLUNTEERS** - Three AMA alumni together in the AMA Alumni House/Museum. At the left is "Bud" Oakey from the Class of 1970. Bud is helping the AMA Foundation receive grants. At the right is Museum Volunteer Victor Gomez, '69, and in the center Julian Quarles, '35, a most faithful alumnus. Oakey and Gomez were elected to the AMA Alumni Association Board at the reunion.



**HALL OF FAMER** - Colonel Dean Hanson, '63, and Debbie Chrissinger at Reunion 2008. Colonel Hanson was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame for his prowess on the firing range.

We are already seeking nominations for the 2009  
AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME!  
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- Build Physical Strength and Endurance
- A Respect for Nature and the Environment
  - Leadership Development
- Making Great Friends in a Healthy Setting



## The first members of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame

Front row, John Bell, '54, Ben Angle, '51, and Bill Deuber, '49. Second row, Rook Nolan accepting for his father, Dick Nolan, '50, Colonel Dean Hanson, '63, Julian Quarles, '35, Ernest Click, '48, and Jay Fox, '53. Back row, Charles Pilley accepting for his father, Frank Pilley, '51, Susan Whitehead Harrell accepting for her grandfather Burgess Whitehead, '27, Jim Stillwagon, '67, Sergeant Joe Josephson accepting for Andre Allen, '76, Timothy Morris Guerrant, accepting for his uncle Morris Guerrant, '42, Jerry Izenberg, '48, Pete Lampman, '65, Bill Hummer, '71, and Bob Gorgant, '63.



Above, left, President Granger with classmate Bill Hummer, '71. Center, Julian Quarles, '35 thanks AMA for his honor. Right, Susan Whitehead Harrell accepts on behalf of her grandfather Burgess Whitehead, '27.





## Major General Charles S. Roller, Jr.

We did not have to ponder long over who should be the very first person inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame for there is no single person who did more for sports at AMA than General Roller.



He made the time for athletics... he saw to it that the teams were funded and he promoted play on the "field of friendly strife" described by General MacArthur.

In the early 1900's... coaches were permitted to play on prep school teams and General Roller was the star catcher for AMA until a new rule prevented coaches from playing.

General Roller introduced track, tennis and golf to AMA.

He was an All American football and baseball player at VMI. General Roller has been inducted into the VMI Sports Hall of Fame.

At AMA home football games... the chant from the Corps would be, "Take the ball to Big Boy" as the General sat on a Mess Hall chair beneath the west goal posts.

If the other team had the ball, the chant was, "Roll 'em back to Roller."

Delighted... he would stand and salute the Corps of Cadets which responded with enthusiastic cheers.

Major... Colonel... General Charles S. Roller, Jr. The Big Boy... and first member of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.



Then Colonel Roller seated at the west goal posts





## Basketball star Andre Allen, '76

Andre Allen was what you would call a very hot basketball player!

On the AMA Gymnasium floor, he was named both the most valuable offensive player and the most valuable player on defense.



Quite an accomplishment!

A very tall pivot man, Andre played the post masterfully.

Andre played on the PG teams for two years before AMA joined the Virginia Independent Conference.

In his first VIC tournament, he was MVP.

**Coach Joe Josephson** says that Andre was a great all round player and a tremendous rebounder.

It's clear that he was a superb team player.

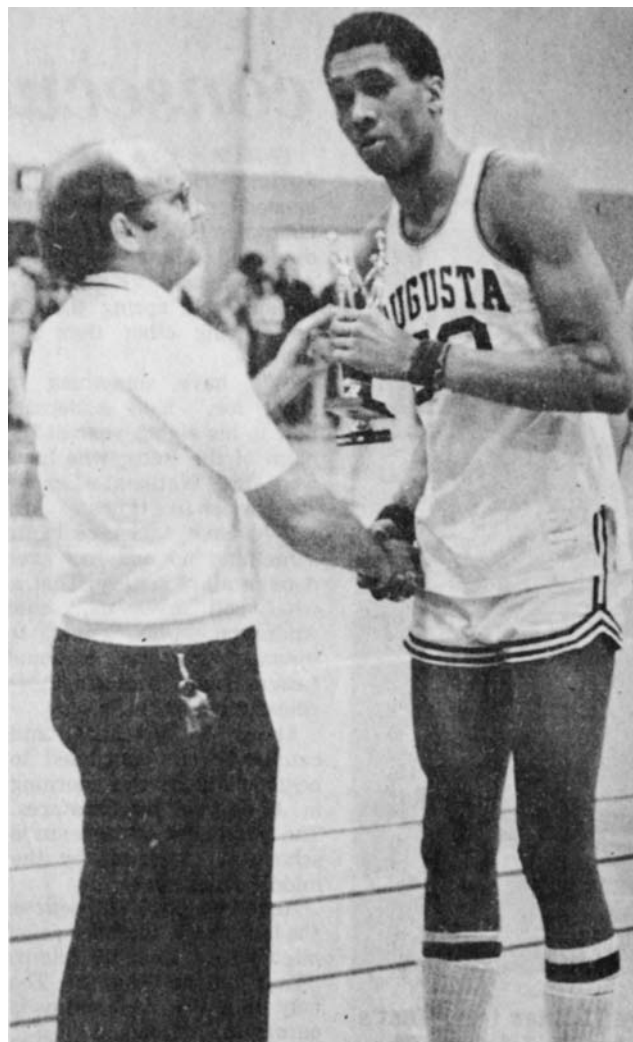
Andre went on to become a star player at Fairmont State University in West Virginia.

In the 1979-80 season, Fairmont won the conference men's basketball title.

Andre Allen starred in each game and is well known around Fairmont for his sterling athletic achievements.

Cadets at AMA while Allen played there said that he was an exciting player to watch, one who was not afraid to push the envelope.

Andre Allen – hoops hero!



**Andre Allen receives MVP Award after the VIC Championship game.**





## Fleet-footed track star Ben Angle, '51

This Hall of Famer never ran a foot in a track meet at AMA... yet he went to the Virginia Military Institute where he set many conference and school records.



He set records in the mile...the half mile and as the anchor of the mile relay team.

At AMA... Ben Angle was a star lacrosse player for four years.



Ben Angle (5) on the AMA lacrosse team

He was offered an athletic scholarship to play lacrosse at NC State.

But turned it down to go to VMI.

There... as a Rat... he couldn't get enough to eat until **Frank Spencer** told him to get on the track team so he could eat at the training table.

It must have worked!

For as a Rat... Ben set a new Southern Conference and State half mile record the second time he ran the race!

He later won the outdoor State and Conference crowns in both the mile and the half mile.

Though he had been injured... Ben qualified for the NCAA Championships his last two years at VMI.

He easily was the Conference's best middle-distance man during his years at VMI.

Ben Angle ran the 880 in one fifty two point seven (1:52:7), 3.5 seconds faster than the Virginia State mark which had been set all the way back in 1936.

A champion runner – Ben Angle from the Class of 1951!





## Swim Champion John Bell, '54

John Bell was co-captain of the AMA swimming team in 1954.

He also played varsity football... baseball... tennis...and lacrosse at Augusta.



But his first love was AMA swimming pool – the world's coldest pool!.

John Bell was the Southern Interscholastic Champion in both swimming **and** diving.

John had an Alpha rating as an All American Scholastic diver.

At VMI... he was in the 150 yard medley Southern Conference championship.

John won the 100 meter butterfly while swimming on both the freshman and varsity swim team at the Institute.

When his swimming coach left VMI to go to the University of Maryland... John transferred to Maryland.

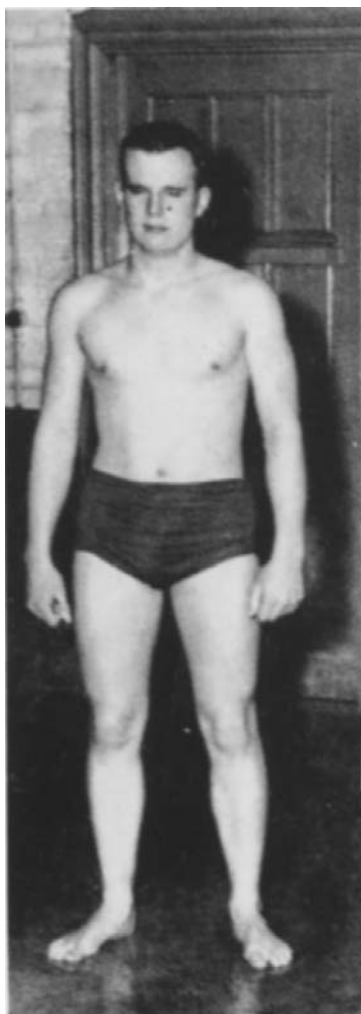
At Maryland, Bell went on to win nine Atlantic Coast Conference swimming and diving championships.

He received the Charles McCormick Award given to the Maryland senior who made the greatest contribution to the swim team.

Between 1948 and 1952, John was champion in the National Philippine Championships.

He also was a medalist in the Philippine Islands National Championship.

John Bell is a swimmer without peer. A record setter at two colleges which is probably a record in itself!



**John Bell poolside  
at AMA**







## Backstroke Champion Ernest Click, '48

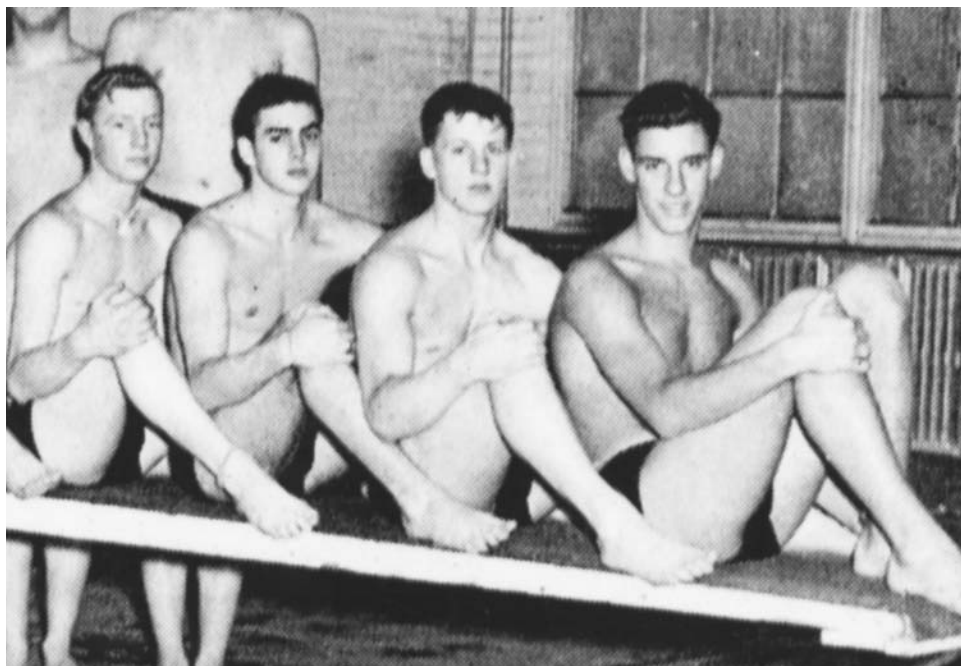
Ernie Click from the Class of 1948 started swimming at the Staunton YMCA in the early 1940's.

When he came to AMA... the team needed a backstroke.



Ernie had never swam the difficult stroke but took it on as a challenge.

In his senior year... Click took second place in the backstroke at the National Prep meet which was held in Trenton, New Jersey.



At AMA... he roomed with **John Seibold**, the State Champion backstroke, **Bill Sellers**, the State's best freestyler, and the team manager **Lewis Steele**.

Seibold, Sellers and Click formed the Virginia State Champion Medley Relay team.

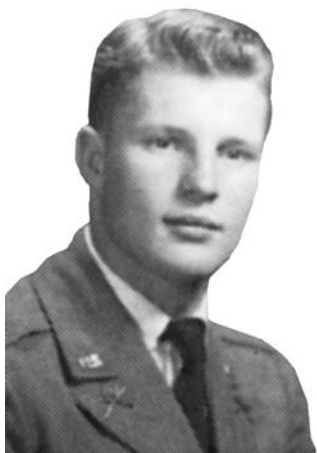
Ernie swam the backstroke portion of the 150 yard medley and powered his way to victory.

Ernie Click, left, with Seibold, far right, and Sellers, second from right, the State Champion Medley Relay Team.  
The other swimmer is George Mentzer

Ernie was offered a swimming scholarship to Temple University... but instead went into the Marine Corps where he served during the Korean War.

The other members of the AMA Swim Team remember Ernie as a strong swimmer and a tough competitor.





## Football Record Holder Bill Deuber, '49

Bill Deuber played halfback on AMA's National Champion football team in 1949.

In baseball at AMA... he hit an amazing .438 for the season his senior year.



He received the 1949 AMA Trophy as AMA's best baseball player... an award named after another AMA Hall of Famer... **Burgess Whitehead** from the Class of 1927.

After AMA, Bill Deuber went to the University of Pennsylvania.



One of only two photos from Bill's AMA days

There he led the nation in pass receiving in the 1952 season.

He broke the NCAA record with an average 21.7 yards per catch.

He was the first receiver to break the 20 yard per catch record in the history of college football.

Bill was elected to the Penn Sports Hall of Fame.

And no wonder!

Most catches for a season in 1952.

Most yardage gained in a season with 565 yards.

Most catches and most yardage for a college career.

And these feats were accomplished when Penn was playing Notre Dame, Penn State, Georgia, Army, Navy, California and Wisconsin.

And by the way... he batted .403 his senior year at Penn.

Bill Deuber... all around Famer!







## Swimming star John "Jay" Fox, '53

Jay Fox from the Class of 1953 was elected to the Washington and Lee Sports Hall of Fame where he was a four year letterman on the W&L swim team.



While at AMA, Jay was the Virginia State Breaststroke Champion.

He placed first in two meets each against Randolph Macon... VMI... and Virginia.



He swam the breaststroke in the medley relay which AMA won against all opponents in the 1952-53 season.

Fox was named to the All-American Prep School swim team.

At W&L, he was swim team captain his senior year.

**Jay Fox set a new W&L breaststroke record**

He holds the school record in the butterfly and the breaststroke at all distances.

Jay Fox set numerous pool records during his four seasons at W&L.

Jay was a member of the 400 yard medley relay squad which won the 1955 Southern Conference title.

He was also the Southern Conference breaststroke champ in 1955... and was on the 400 yard freestyle team that set a new Southern Conference record.

Fox also holds the record in the 200 yard individual medley at Washington and Lee.





## Hoop Star Bob Gorgrant, '63

During his entire senior year... Bob Gorgrant from the Class of 1963... played basketball with a broken finger.



Still, he managed to score a remarkable 338 points for the season.

He was the mythical captain of the All Military Basketball League.

**Colonel Livick** says that Gorgrant played on one of the best basketball teams in AMA's history.

And Gorgrant was very much responsible for the record made by the team.

Against undefeated Fork Union in overtime, he made a shot at the buzzer which gave AMA a thrilling 72-71 victory.

Bob won the most valuable player award in 1963.

He pulled down 164 rebounds that season.

He was recruited by Chuck Noe to play basketball at South Carolina.

Though Noe left SC before Bob finished at AMA... Gorgrant

Gorgrant got the two plus a foul shot

went through with his commitment and played great ball for South Carolina.

When he graduated from South Carolina, Bob Gorgrant came back to teach in AMA's Lower School.

And to help coach basketball on the gym floor where he had starred just a few years before.







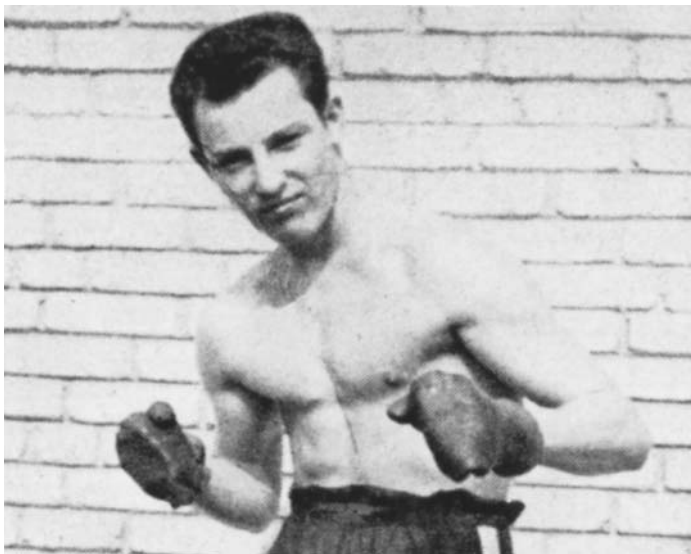
## Tough Little Fighter Morris Guerrant, '42

Those who attended AMA after World War Two might not have known that baseball, football and **boxing** had been AMA's top sports in the years just preceding the war.



Early in the last century, boxing was **the** sport.

No one was a better boxer than Morris Guerrant from the Class of 1942.



**"Punchy" Guerrant ready for battle**

He was undefeated in the 1940-41 season.

"Punchy" fought for five years at AMA in ever increasing weight divisions.

In his senior year... Guerrant soundly defeated the Virginia State Boxing Champion from SMA.

When he went on to the University of Maryland... he became the first freshman in school history to make the varsity boxing team... losing only one match... and that to the NCAA champ.

Called into the Army... he boxed on the Army team and never lost a match.

On 30 April 1945 – the day Hitler died – Guerrant advanced ahead of his platoon armed only with a pistol and one hand grenade.

He killed two Germans and forced the rest to retreat.

Mortally wounded... he continued to fire on the enemy until his death.

For this heroic action... he received the Silver Star.

Morris Guerrant – a fighter to the end.





## **Straight Shooter Colonel Dean Hanson, '63**

Colonel Dean Hanson from the Class of 1963 was a member of AMA's varsity rifle team in 1962 and 1963.

This was the time when AMA won the Junior ROTC National Rifle Championship.



The AMA rifle team had a 14-2 record.

One of the reasons for that outstanding season was Dean Hanson's eagle eye.

One of General Roller's last acts was to lead three cheers for the 1962 Augusta marksmen.

Dean Hanson went on to Virginia Tech where he shot well on their varsity team.

In the Army, he qualified as an expert marksman with every hand held weapon in the entire Army inventory.

He went on to excel in every high power and small bore event that he could enter.

Dean was selected as a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Rifle team three times.

Dean Hanson exults after a win  
In 1980, he received the "Excellence in Competition" silver rifle badge from the Army.

The USAR Maneuver Area Command Rifle Team that Colonel Hanson helped establish has gone on to set four national records.

Dean has continued to win countless Texas state awards for marksmanship.

A straight shooter - Colonel Dean Hanson.



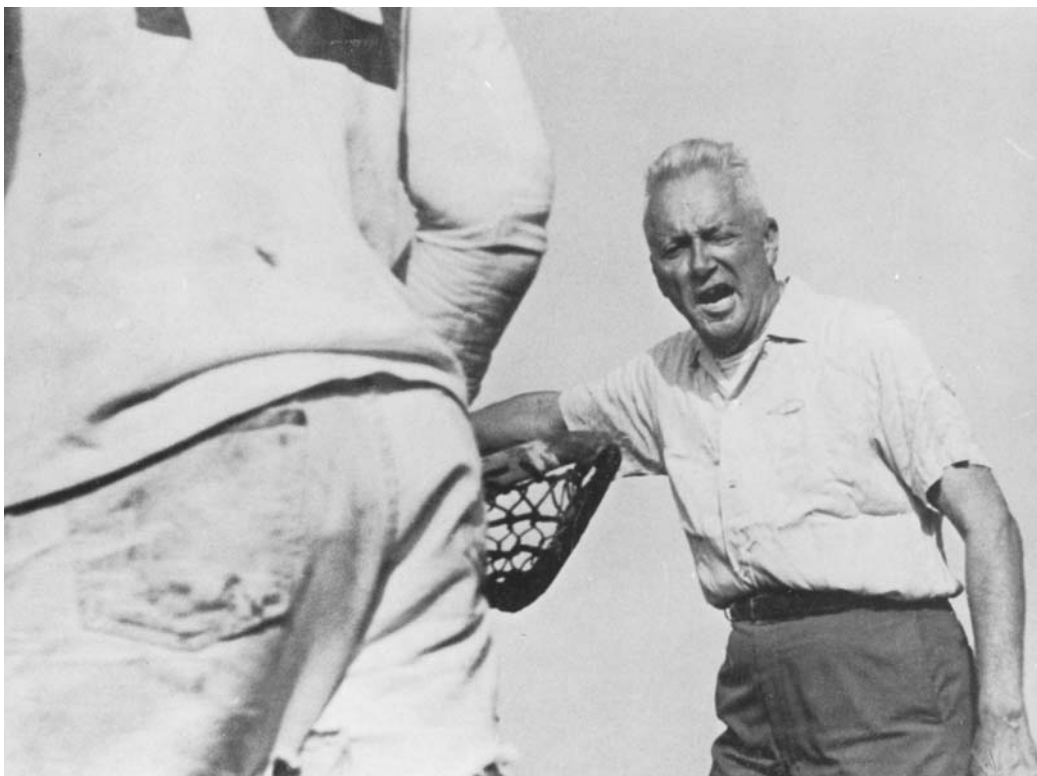




## Colonel Paul Vance Hoover

What can you say about Colonel Paul Hoover?

Irascible? Oh, yes. Difficult? Yes to that also. Caring? Yes! Yes! Yes! ...and that caring made up for all the rest!



**"Dumb play, dumb play," with a few choice adjectives added.**

His Tiger football and soccer teams were legend as he instilled his own brand of steel in his cadet players.

Was Colonel Hoover unconventional? Without a doubt... but he also was inspirational.

On more than one occasion... he used his modest income to purchase something extra for his teams.

Colonel Paul Vance Hoover – a deserving Hall of Famer!

Here was a man who would volunteer for every AMA coaching opportunity. One AMA faculty member calculated that Paul Hoover... at a given time... coached more cadets than all of the other AMA coaches put together.

He brought fencing to the fore... winning the Blue Ridge fencing Championship three years running beginning in 1970.... and Colonel Hoover introduced lacrosse to AMA.





## Consistent Shooter Bill Hummer, '71

Bill Hummer from the Class of 1971 was the most consistent shooter on the AMA Rifle Team during the early '70s.

And that is saying a lot!



**Bill Hummer, on his way to a 271**

eleven points to win the state tourney with Bill Hummer shooting his 271.

He was a major asset to our rifle team.

The Hawkeyes posted a .786 win record...

...with Bill Hummer leading the way.

Bill led the team at the annual rifle match at VMI with a score of 271.

He also helped bring an undefeated season to the AMA team...

...and a big smile to **Sergeant Don Studer's** face.

Hummer was only one of five AMA cadets who shot above 270 in a match throughout the '70s and '80s.

Bill was the AMA rifle team captain in 1971.

And he was a member of the 1970 team which won the Texas A-and-M postal match that year.

In winning the postal match... AMA topped 70 other teams from around the country.

Our 1970 rifle team ended the season sixth in the nation.

The AMA Hawkeyes beat perennial champ Hargrave by







## National Sportswriter Jerry Izenberg, '48

Jerry Izenberg has been nominated four times for a Pulitzer Prize in sports reporting.

He has covered every Super Bowl... more than 150 World Series games... 150 Triple Crown races and countless boxing matches.



**Jerry shares photos of his grandkids with a good friend**

He left Fort Defiance after the reunion to cover his 42<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Derby.

He is in the Sportswriters and Sports-casters Hall of Fame, the National Sportswriters Hall of Fame and the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame.

Jerry also has been inducted into the New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame... the only newspaper man selected for that honor.

For 55 years... he has been the sports columnist for the Newark *Star-Ledger*... and by the way... he was the Sports Editor of the *Recall*.

Jerry Izenberg has done so much to bring honor to himself and to our school.

He played JV basketball and JV baseball at Augusta and thought he would end up teaching English somewhere.

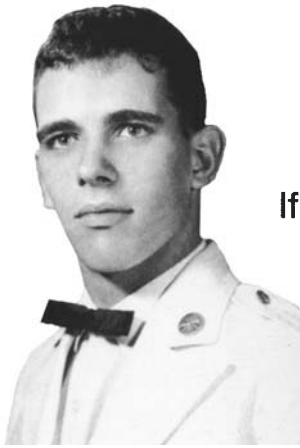
Fortunately for the sports world, that did not happen.

Jerry has written eleven books and is working on a twelfth.

Several of his books are on display in the Writer's Section of the AMA Museum.

He is a regular contributor to ESPN and has directed more than thirty sports commentaries.





## High Jumping Hoopster Pete Lampman, '65

If you wonder how Pete Lampman... from the Class of 1965... approached basketball... just look at the *Recall* photos from the years he played for AMA.



Every photo of Pete has him jumping higher than his taller opponent to block or knock down a shot... or to steal the ball away...



High flying Pete Lampman lays in another one

...or shooting a basket with both feet three feet or more in the air.

Pete Lampman scored 487 points in 1964...

And an amazing 546 points the next year.

He was captain of the AMA basketball team his senior year.

He broke all the AMA and Virginia Military League basketball scoring records in both years.

In every game he played... he was the top scorer going away.

At the same time was one of the very best playmakers.

And he was not selfish with the ball... passing off if he didn't have an iron-clad shot.

Pete also played lacrosse and ran track... but what his fellow cadets waited for was the basketball season...  
...for that's when Pete would tear up our gym!







## **NFL Star and Head Coach Dick Nolan, '50**

Dick Nolan from the Class of 1950 played great football and basketball at AMA.

From here... Dick went on to the University of Maryland.



**Dick Nolan played basketball too!  
Here is Coach Chapman, Al Haywood  
and Nolan who scored 104 points in 1950**

There, Coach Jim Tatum converted him into both an offensive and a defensive halfback.

In Dick's senior year, Maryland beat Oklahoma for the National College Football Championship.

Dick Nolan was invited to both the Senior Bowl and the College All Star game that year.

After Maryland, he went on to play nine sparkling years on defense for the New York Giants.

During this time... the Giants won one National and two Eastern Conference titles.

When his Giants teammate Tom Landry took over as head coach at Dallas... Dick joined him as defensive coach.

In Dallas, Dick Nolan became the co-author of the flex defense.

Coach Nolan took over as head coach of the San Francisco 49ers.

In 1970, Nolan was NFL Coach of the Year.

Later, he was head coach of the New Orleans Saints. He ended his coaching career back in Dallas with his mentor... Tom Landry.

Sadly, before he could be inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame, Dick passed away this past November.





## Tennis Star and Coach Frank Pilley, '51

Many people who did not know Frank Pilley as a cadet... came to know him when we had that marvelous tennis competition between the alumni of Augusta and the alumni of Fishburne... played at our annual reunions each year.



**Frank prepares to send the ball back over the net  
at the first AMA/FMS Alumni Tennis Match, 1999**

As AMA's team captain for the Hudgins-Roller Cup, Frank led the AMA team to victory in the first few years of the contests.

A consistently quality player on the AMA tennis squad... he was captain of the team his senior year.

Pilley went on to VMI where he was elected team co-captain of the Keydet tennis team.

After college... Frank did not give up tennis. A career Air Force officer... retiring as a full colonel... he continued to play while he was on active duty.

Later, he played in two Virginia State individual championships in singles

and doubles and he also coached tennis in Northern Virginia high schools.

On the very last day of his life... Frank Pilley had done what he loved to do... played his regularly scheduled tennis match.

Here was a man who loved the game until the end.

And left a lasting imprint on every person he played with or played against.

Colonel Frank Pilley... tennis champ with a big heart.



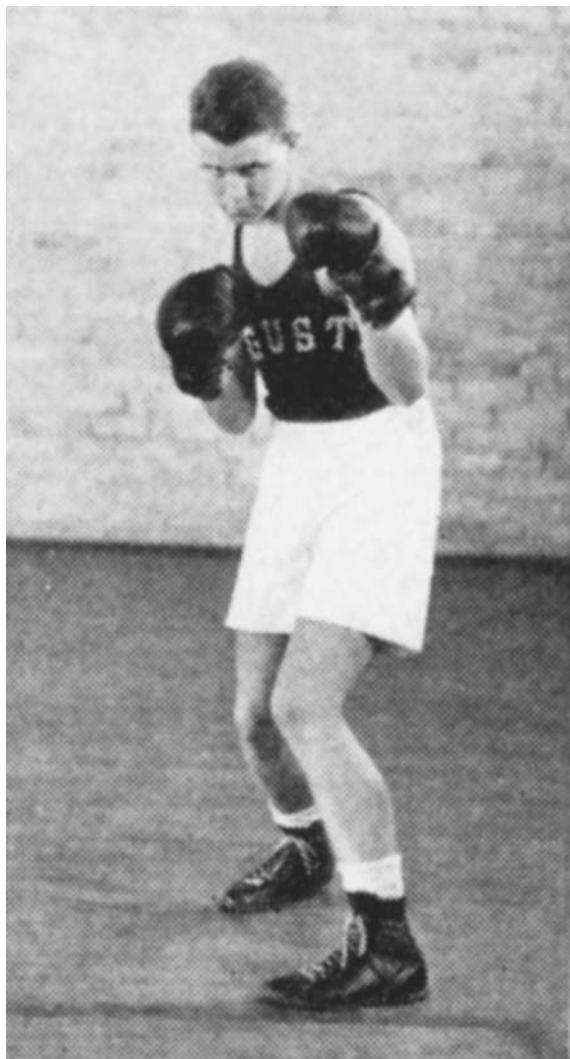




## Boxing Champion Julian Quarles, '35

In the 1930's... the three major sports at AMA were football...baseball... and boxing.

Julian Quarles did play on the Peep football team... but boxing was his major sport.



**Julian Quarles, 1934 South Atlantic  
Prep School Champion**

In 1934... Julian was the South Atlantic Prep School Boxing Champion.

Quite an honor in that day and time... particularly for a junior!

In his senior year... he was co-captain of the AMA boxing team.

Against a much larger opponent from Greenbrier... Julian won with a TKO.

He also fought the Washington and Lee champion to a draw...

And acquitted himself admirably against older and larger boxers from West Point and Annapolis.

Julian was a member of the Monogram Club for his last two years.

He had been the B Company 125 pound champion before he joined the varsity boxing team.

Julian not only fought well but he fought fairly... instilling in his fellow fighters the

good sportsmanship which became his hallmark.

His boxing skills at AMA undoubtedly equipped him for a much bigger fight in World War Two where he earned a Silver Star for heroism.





## All American Jim Stillwagon, '67

Jim Stillwagon played rock 'em, sock 'em football at AMA, at Ohio State and then in the Canadian Football League.



The Company Commander of Headquarters Company, Jim was on the wrestling team... played baseball... and went out for track.



**AMA Football Team Captain  
Jim Stillwagon**

And he marched with the Roller Rifles!

But it was on the football field that he really shone.

Stillwagon played for so-so AMA football teams, but everyone knew that big things were in store for this strong Buckeye.

On to Ohio State - where he had a full scholarship for three years as a starter.

Ohio State won the Big Ten and in 1968 beat USC... and O. J. Simpson... in the Rose Bowl.

Jim was consensus All American as a junior and a unanimous selection for All American his senior year.

He earned the Outland Trophy.

And was the first ever recipient of the Lombardi Trophy as the nation's most outstanding lineman.

With Jim in the line... no team scored more than thirteen points against Ohio State.

For five years in the Canadian Football League... he was a three time All Star and runner-up as the CFL's most outstanding defensive player.

Jim Stillwagon - All American in myriad ways!







## Baseball Great Burgess Whitehead, '27

Another AMA Hall of Famer... **Bill Deuber**... won the AMA **Burgess Whitehead** trophy as the best player on the AMA team.



That trophy was named for Cadet Burgess Whitehead, '27.

Colonel Roller called Whitehead the best baseball player to ever play at AMA.

The athletic records from the 1920's are sparse and unreliable.

Even the final scores of games are open to question.

But it is obvious that Burgess played baseball at a quality level as he went on to star at North Carolina... which had a solid winning record while Whitehead was on their team.

Burgess' greatest notoriety came when he was drafted by the powerful St. Louis Cardinals.

He played in two World Series as part of the "Gashouse Gang."



**Burgess Whitehead in his AMA uniform** The Cardinal Gashouse Gang included Dizzy Dean and his brother - Paul ... Leo Durocher... Pepper Martin... and Burgess Whitehead.

A newspaper of the day said the Cardinals had the only Phi Beta Kappa in the Major Leagues - and that was Burgess Whitehead.

Burgess ended his pro career as a baseball New York Giant.



# What they said in response...

**Linda Roller Livick** accepting for her late grandfather **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**: "I will always have wonderful memories of him sitting between the goal posts at football games... He often said there is no such thing as a bad boy."

**Jim Stillwagon, '67**: "I wish **Colonel Gardner** was here. He once told me that the faculty had concluded that I was the second worst cadet here. Actually, I was the worst cadet, but AMA turned me around and I owe everything to this great school."

**Ed Click, '50** accepting for the late **Colonel Paul Hoover**: "If Hoover were here, he would hate this kind of recognition. He'd probably say, 'Dumb jackass. I would rather have a piece of chocolate,' but he would be concerned that all you vegetables stay out of the sun."

**Rook Nolan** accepting for his dad, the late **Dick Nolan, '50**: "My mother and two of my brothers are here in the gym but the best qualified person to talk about my dad (San Francisco 49er Head Coach Mike Nolan) is sitting in his office waiting to make his first choice in the NFL draft... In the last six months, we have had lots of ups and lots of downs. This will be a memorable day for all of us."

**Ben Angle, '51**: "This brings back many memories of when I played basketball here in the gym... I thank everyone who helped me get into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame."

**John Bell, '54**: "This school was wonderful. It contributed so much to our lives."

**Ernest Click, '48**: "Just about every good thing that has happened to me in life goes back to AMA. I can't say enough good about it."

**Bill Deuber, '49**: "I came to Augusta because **Coach Buck Chapman** gave (Penn Coach) George Munger a scholarship so I could get two years of foreign language. I can never repay AMA for what it did for me."

**Jay Fox, '53**: "I launched my swimming career here in the AMA pool and I swam four years at Washington and Lee. Thank you, AMA. I still swim at least once every day."

**Bob Gorgrant, '63**: "Major Livick was a great part of my coming here. I appreciate all that AMA did for me."

**Timothy Morris Guarrant** accepting for **Morris Guarrant**,

'42: "I am really glad that **Bob Bradford** tracked me down. I am named for my Uncle Morris and I knew he was a World War Two hero... Two gentlemen who should be up here are **Earl Cabaniss** and **Cecil Depriest** who went to school with my uncle and Cecil served with him in the war."

**Colonel Dean Hanson, '63**: "My military career and my marksmanship started here. Thanks to **Sergeant Dillow** and **Sergeant Rockwell**."

**Bill Hummer, '71**: "When I got the call from Bob, I nearly fell out of my chair. It's a great honor to be up here with this distinguished group of guys."

**Pete Lampman, '65**: "When I first came up here, Colonel Livick said, 'Pete, we need to get you on a weight program, so go sit on the bench...' AMA has had a very positive impact on me and my family. My son is an AMA Legacy Scholar and it's an honor to be on the stage with such great athletes."

**Charles Pilley** accepting for his late dad, **Frank Pilley, '51**: "I think about my Dad every day and this is a great way to remember him. He had such a fulfilling life which began here at AMA"

**Julian Quarles, '35**: "I have always been grateful for my time at AMA. My roommate at AMA was **George Adam** and we are the only ones left from my class which graduated 73 years ago. It's good to see these younger men here to show what great spirit Augusta had."

**Allison Harrell** accepting for her late grandfather **Burgess Whitehead, '27**: "My granddad always spoke warmly of his days here at AMA. He kept his AMA baseball cap until the day he died. I know that he would feel great appreciation to be in the company of such wonderful sportsmen."

*\* Bill Hoover, Colonel Hoover's nephew, was scheduled to receive the award. He became ill two weeks before the reunion and passed away during the reunion weekend. See story on page 88.*



## We are already looking for 2009 Hall of Famers

At the next reunion, more AMA athletic greats will be inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. Now is the time to nominate them!

Send your nominations with as much supporting evidence as possible to:  
**Bob Bradford, 1687 Schillers Court,  
Folsom, CA 95630**





Above, left, Frank Williamson congratulates Hall of Famer Bill Deuber, '49, who set all kinds of football and baseball records at Penn. Center, super swimmer John Bell, '54, thanks the committee for voting him into the Hall. Right, Garry Granger presents Ben Angle, '51, with his Hall of Fame pin and certificate. Ben was a lacrosse star at AMA and set many school and conference track records at VMI.



Above, Charles Pilley represented his father, the late Frank Pilley, '51, who was a tennis star at AMA and VMI. Center, Jay Fox, '54, was just voted into the Washington and Lee Sports Hall of Fame for swimming records he set there. Right, Bob Gorgant, '63, was a basketball star at AMA and South Carolina.



**OFF THE BENCH** - Two AMA men came off the bench to fill in for absent Hall of Famers. Sergeant Joe Josephson, left, accepted for Andre Allen, '76, while Ed Click, '50, right, accepted the honor for Colonel Hoover.



**Ohio State All American Jim Stillwagon, '67, accepts his honors from President Garry Granger, '71.**



**Linda Roller Livick accepts the Sports Hall of Fame honors for her Grandfather, General Roller. Left is Jerry Izenberg, '48, the lunch speaker and another Hall of Famer and right, All American Jim Stillwagon, '67, a Famer.**



**Foundation Chairman Frank Williamson, '60, welcomes Jerry Izenberg, '48, to the Hall of Fame.**

**Did your favorite coach, player, broadcaster or sports writer not make this year's AMA Sports Hall of Fame? Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find a request for names to be considered for the 2009 Hall of Fame class.**

**Think about who you would like to see in the Hall and send along all the information you have on him so that the judges will be helped with their decision.**



**Rook Nolan accepts for his Dad, the late Dick Nolan, '50. Dick's wife and other children came to Fort Defiance for the induction ceremony but San Francisco 49er Head Coach Mike Nolan was busy with the NFL draft.**





## RECENT AMA MUSEUM VISITORS



## Colonel Paul Hoover's nephew passes away

Bill and Barbara Hoover have never been to AMA to see where their Uncle Paul taught and coached for many years. When Colonel Hoover was elected to the AMA Sports Hall of Fame, Bill agreed enthusiastically to accept the honor in his uncle's name at Reunion 2008.

Two weeks before the reunion, Bill fell ill and was diagnosed with cancer. On Sunday 27 April – the day after the Sports Hall of Famers were inducted – Bill Hoover died in a hospice in Wilmington, DE. We extend sincere condolences to Barbara and to the family. **Edwin Click**, '50, a "Hoover Boy," accepted the Hall of Fame honors in Colonel Hoover's name at Reunion 2008.

### Traylor's lose their Dad

Soon after they lost their Mom, the Traylor Brothers have lost their Dad.

**Steve**, '72, **Kenny**, '78, and **Keith**, '80, reported that their Dad had been admitted to a hospital on the last day of Reunion 2008 and passed away on Monday morning 28 April.

We thank the Traylor Brothers for all they have been doing for AMA and offer our sincere sympathy to them.

### Need golf umbrellas

We need ten to fifteen golf umbrellas at the AMA Museum. There are many times when people visiting get caught in a downpour.

The entire reunion weekend looked like rain but it held off until just after the last outdoor event on the drill field. (The sporting clay shoot did get rained out on Saturday afternoon)

Perhaps your company has golf umbrellas and maybe they would be glad to donate some to AMA. Contact **Tina Shafer** at 540/248-3007 or at: [AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com](mailto:AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com).

### Wins newspaper contest

Tyler Mizer, whose "Poppie" is **Ben Zinkhan**, '60, had a second grade class project to collect front pages from newspapers around the country. Ben e-mailed the AMA family and Tyler got 67 front pages from our alumni - 67 out of the 100 collected by the entire class. Thanks, guys!



## Quantico Marine Flag ceremony replicated at the AMA reunion

**Sergeants Joe Josephson** and **Don Studer** saw a flag ceremony at a Marine's retirement at Quantico and brought the program back to Fort Defiance to be exhibited at Reunion 2008 during the Saturday luncheon. Studer says that the Marine version was longer than they wanted and so "ours pretty much came from Sergeant Joe's high school in Wisconsin."

The program featured a narrator who was **Blaine Clarke**, '72. He read *Olde Glory*, which is reproduced on the facing page as a flag was passed from man smoothly and professionally without command. In the photo above, **Tom DelValle**, '73, salutes as he is about to receive the flag from another Roller Rifleman.



**ROD WILLEY**, '51, submits the following: Shown above is *The Bayonet* staff on assignment at the bunker trip at Reunion 2008. Left is **Bob Bradford**, '50, creator and editor of *The Bayonet*, next is **Sue Messerley** of Mid Valley Press who takes Bob's copy and turns it into thousands of copies and gives them to **Ed Click**, '50, who is the keeper of the mail list and in turn sends it on to your home. *The Bayonet* is a twelve month project. As one is mailed, the next edition is in the works and Ed updates the mailing list weekly.



*America... God shed His grace on thee..... Send me your tired, your huddled masses...*

## OLDE GLORY

I am the Flag of the United States of America. My name is Olde Glory.  
 I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's Halls of Justice.  
 I fly majestically over great institutions of learning.  
 I stand guard with the greatest military force in the world.  
 I stand for Peace, Honor, Truth and Justice.  
 I stand for Freedom.

**Look up and see me!**

I am confident. I am arrogant, I am proud.  
 When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is held a little higher.  
 My colors are a little truer.  
 I am recognized around the world.  
 I am worshipped. I am saluted. I am respected. I am revered. I am loved. I am feared.

**I bow to no one**

For more than 200 years, I have fought in every war.  
 Tripoli, Mexico, Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of  
 France, the Agronne Forest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy, the Battles  
 of Guam, Tarawa, Okinawa, in Korea and in Vietnam – and in the heat and sand  
 of the Persian Gulf and a score of other places.  
 I was dirty, battle torn and tired but my soldiers cheered me.

**I was proud!**

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on in the streets of countries I have  
 helped to set free.  
 It does not hurt for I am invincible.  
 I shall overcome because I am strong.  
 I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on in the streets of my own country –  
 and when that is done by those with whom I served in battle,  
**it does hurt.**

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and from my vantage point on the moon, I stand  
 watch over the new frontiers of space.  
 I have been the silent witness to all of America's finest hours.  
 But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips to be used as bandages for  
 my wounded comrade on the field of battle.  
 When I fly at half mast to honor my airmen, soldiers, sailors or marines and when  
 I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother – at the graveside of her fallen son  
 or daughter, I am proud.

**My name is Olde Glory.**

Long may I wave.  
 Dear God, long may I wave!

*Do not harm my country's flag, she said... Look! the Stars and Stripes are flying over Mount Suribachi!... The tattered, proud banner*

*Rally 'round the flag, boys... Hats off! The Flag is passing by... I pledge Allegiance to the Flag and to the Republic for which it stands*

*She's a Grand Old Flag, she's a High-Flyin' Flag... God bless America, land that I love...*

**Deaths reported to the Alumni Association  
between Reunion 2007 and Reunion 2008**

William H. Williamson, '21

Valentine Lipscomb, '23

Myron Boone, '32

David C. Boy, Jr., '33

Judge Harold Purcell, '37

George Leatherman, '39

James O'Hara, '39

Warren Beam, '42

Charlie Ellis, '42

Christopher Harrison, '43

Jack Jansing, '43

J. Victor Arthur, '44

David A Drexel, '44

Henry Steiner Dunbar, '44

Robert M. Beck, '46

James B. Shadle, '46

John Pappas, '47

William T. Aldrich, '48

Tom Moon, '48

John Richmond Carter, '50

Coach Richard Nolan, '50

Edgar C. Quillen, '54

Jordan A. Pugh, '57

Jesse R. VanEvera, '59

Charles Zehmer, Jr., '59

John M. Ellis, '60

Karl F. Berger, '62

James Cunningham, '62

Wayne E. Higgins, '62

Ken Eichner, '64

Richard L. Crafton, '65

Anthony J. Festa, '66

Craig Lynn, III, '66

Rocco Amedeo, '67

John Ramsey, III, '73



**Bless these, Thy servants, oh Lord. Welcome them into  
your presence. Grant the prayer we pray, be good to them,  
oh Lord. AMA is better for having known them.**



# The AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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**HARMONY** - John Maragon from Fishburne with AMA Administrator Tina Shafer at Reunion 2008. John has been a long time friend of AMA helping to initiate the tennis matches between AMA and FMS alumni and generously contributing to AMA causes including a recent \$1,000 donation to help pay for The AMA Way, the exciting and emotional DVD which premiered at the reunion. Thanks, John!



**SNAPPING THE PHOTOGRAPHER** - Throughout this issues are some truly wonderful photos shot by this man, Bruce Strange, '72. We are very fortunate indeed to have this talented professional photographer pointing his camera at things AMA and making the resulting photos available to *The Bayonet*. Thanks, Bruce!

## PRIDE!



**General Larry Nicholson, '75,** Debbie and family were all on hand when Kevin graduated from Larry's *alma mater*, The Citadel. Left, father and son. Right, Brittany and Captain Andrew Nicholson, USMC, the General, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Kevin Nicholson, USMC, Debbie, Danny Nicholson and Debbie's mother, Ruby Jean Brant.



## "Spanish Boys" plan get together at 2009 reunion

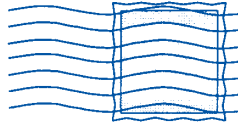
At a dinner in Pembroke Pines, Florida, a South Florida group began plans for contacting Central and South American AMA alumni so that the "Spanish Boys" can get together at next year's AMA reunion.

Pictured above are **Dr. Octavio Prieto, '67, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, Luis Iglesias, '75, and Burt Glick, '70.** Rovirosa says that they hope to get a good showing during Reunion 2009. The planning group will meet again shortly at the home of Kiki and Jorge Rovirosa.

Below, l. to r., are Lynne and Octavio Prieto, Kiki and Jorge Rovirosa, Luis and Tracy Iglesias and Burt Glick.



## Letters to the Editor



### Remembers days at AMA

I often wonder if I wrote any letters back home during my time at Augusta (1931-32). If so, no one saved any of them. Would be interesting to see what I said back then. I was struggling to meet the entrance requirements at Cornell University while meeting my duties as a cadet.

**Dr. Arthur Glasser, '32**  
**Shoreline, WA**

### Drivel in the mailbox

My mailbox overflowed with this advertisement and that drivel, but there within stood the latest *Bayonet!* What a pleasure to take time off to indulge myself into reading every word. I attribute all of my success to the lessons I learned during my four years at Fort Defiance. Please continue your mission as it alone keeps me connected to Augusta Military Academy.

**Bob Adams, '63**  
**Edenton, NC**  
[radama@embarqmail.com](mailto:radama@embarqmail.com)

### Thanks for your concern

I would like to thank my AMA family for all the calls, e-mails and cards I received during my battle with cancer. How can we thank God enough for such friendship and the joy it brings? May you all be blessed.

**Joyce (Mrs. Ben, '60) Zinkhan**  
**Stanton, VA**  
[BJZinkhan@aol.com](mailto:BJZinkhan@aol.com)

### Youngest cadet

I believe I was the youngest cadet to be at Augusta in 1931-32: I was eleven. I was in E Company and a little fellow. At that time, we lived in the main barracks with all the other cadets and were treated like RATS – cutting corners, finning out, walking at attention and being at the beck and call of the Old Cadets. I never got the chance to be an Old Cadet as my Dad lost his job in 1932 and being in the middle of the Great Depression, I could not come back to AMA. In spite of all this, it was a great year for me and the highlight was marching in my first parade – Armistice Day in Stanton. My year at AMA also helped me when I went into the Navy for I was assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Recruit Training Center for three years. I stayed in the Navy for 23 years.

I am a good friend with **Coach Bill Ralph**. My wife and I visited the AMA Museum last summer. Keep up the good work that you are doing for us all!

**Jack Burton, '32**  
**Norfolk, VA**

### Proud of Frank Pilley

What wonderful news that my best friend **Frank Pilley, '51**, has been elected to the first class of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. He would be so proud. Frank was the consummate sportsman, a champion's champion and

always represented AMA with dignity and class.

In 1999, when we played doubles together in the first AMA-Fishburne alumni tennis event, I told Frank during a critical time in our match that if we did not win, **General Roller's** ghost would haunt us for the rest of our lives. That was all it took to get that match in the bag. Well done for AMA, the Big Boy and "Monboy," my nickname for Frank.

**Captain Bill Ault, '51, USN**  
**Peoria, AZ**  
[AZgran1@cox.net](mailto:AZgran1@cox.net)

### Learned about AMA on line

I am not an alumnus of your school but happened upon your web site while surfing the net. I read the history of your school and was disappointed to see that it is closed. Keep up the good memories on the web site and thanks for letting me learn something new tonight.

**David Lemmon**  
**Orange County, CA**  
[ocbearclaw@cox.net](mailto:ocbearclaw@cox.net)

### Sorry it took me 41 years to come back

I would like to congratulate everyone who had anything to do with the reunion. The production of "The AMA Way" is inspirational, nostalgic, historical and I might add, emotional, as I realized when I viewed it with my family at home. I am very sorry that it took me 41 years to return.

**Jerry Peirano, '67**  
**Fort Salonga, NY**

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### Thanks to all who have worked so hard

Ben and I would like to thank everyone who has worked so diligently to keep AMA alive in the hearts and minds of its alumni and their families.

Hopefully, we will get back to AMA one day soon. I have been coordinator of the Pensacola National Day of Prayer which is always in the first week of May. That makes it very difficult to get back for a reunion. I hope that we will be able to make it one year soon.

Lord, give us more men like **General Roller** and the other teachers who were so instrumental in building the men who came through the halls of AMA.

**Polly (Mrs. Ben, '65) Beard  
Pensacola, FL**

### Many years hearing about AMA

How many years have slipped by knowing and hearing about AMA? Finally getting to experience it has been a highlight of my year. I am so impressed with the love, respect and togetherness. I'm at a loss for adjectives to describe what I saw at the reunion.

After all the fun, it was hard getting back to reality. The bunker tour, the beauty of The Greenbrier, cocktail parties, meals together, Saturday festivities, Casino Night.

I didn't meet a stranger at the reunion! Everyone was so nice and friendly.

**Mary Lee Sneed, Becky Granger's Mother  
Richmond, VA**

### Daddy would have been pleased

Our family was delighted to be a part of Reunion 2008. How proud we are that my father was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame in the first year. I am sure that Daddy would have been pleased to be selected along with the others who were such athletic stars.

Our day in Fort Defiance was indeed memorable. We enjoyed all the events and the delicious luncheon, and we thought a lot about how things were when Daddy was at AMA. We were touched by the enthusiasm and the passion of your alumni even though the school has been closed for a number of years. We were truly inspired.

**Susan Whitehead Harrell,  
daughter of Burgess Whitehead, '27  
Windsor, NC**

### Thank you for the scholarship

I have been working incredibly hard during my year at Dartmouth College. I finally have realized my dream of learning the Japanese language. The course moves at a very rapid pace and I am attending Dartmouth Japanese courses this summer.

I also am working at two jobs to help pay for college expenses. One is at the Quiznos in Hanover and the other is doing odd jobs for a nice lady.

Thank you again for your incredibly generous contribution to my academic career. I will do my best to justify your confidence in me.

**William Welte, '11  
AMA Legacy Scholarship winner  
grandson of William Welte, '38**

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**NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T** - On the front page is Big Barracks as we know it. Above, a Civil War cannon conceals the Barracks with its shot fired as part of the Reunion 2008 festivities.  
**Photo by Bruce Strange, '72**



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